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## NMI has role in US' 'forward presence'

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**A**mid a new national security agreement with Japan, and a "contest of wills" in the South China Sea, the Marine Forces Pacific look to build a forward presence in the region as a deterrent to aggression in the Pacific.

Live-firing ranges in the Northern Marinas, together with military presence in Guam, Australia, and elsewhere in the Pacific, demonstrates this forward presence, according to MARFORPAC

executive director Craig Whelden. Congress has yet to fund the MARFORPAC project in the CNMI, though.

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### Conflicting feelings for local US Army officer

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A local U.S. Army infantryman is admittedly conflicted with the proposed military buildup in the CNMI, but from experience says that proposed high-impact live firing ranges would be safe.

"When we fired...the national Hawaiian geese was on those ranges. Whenever we saw the bird within a one-

mile radius, the range goes cold. We shut down," said Edward Dela Cruz, a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

"How fast is it going to be? It'll take three seconds," he said.

"The ranges are highly safe," he added. "...We have designated targets so soldiers will not miss. If they miss, we fail our jobs as officers."

From speaking with his peers, he  
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### Businessman sues to stop sale of Gold Beach Hotel

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A Korean businessman has sued his brother in Superior Court for allegedly unlawfully selling their Gold Beach Hotel Saipan for \$2.6 million.

Soo Gon Kim is suing Hyung Gon Kim and Northstar Corp. to stop them from selling the 50-room Gold

Beach Hotel, located along Beach Road, Garapan.

Soo, through counsel Vincent DLG. Torres, is suing the defendants for breach of Consumer Protection Act, fraud, conversion, and unjust enrichment. He is demanding unspecified damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Soo also asked the court to issue a  
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# Local

## Miscommunication shutters PTC stall at 'Taste' opening

The 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas and Beer Garden got off to rousing start last Saturday, but it did so minus one vendor as Pacific Trading Co. was prevented from peddling its wares last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

PTC general manager Charles V. Cepeda told *Saipan Tribune* that at 5pm Saturday, a park ranger told the company not to sell products at the Taste of Marianas due to the late submission of their documents.

Cepeda said the park ranger told PTC that he needed more time to review if the company had business and other licenses needed. PTC submitted all documents to MVA and was told by

MVA that they are set to go last Saturday.

"MVA is putting the blame on American Memorial Park and specifically the new ranger for having new guidelines and rules on an event that we've been doing for years. It seems that every time we get a new ranger we have new challenges at American Memorial Park," Cepeda said.

He said the PTC staff was on standby last Saturday after setting up the booth earlier in the afternoon.

*Saipan Tribune* witnessed PTC staff taking down the booth just as the food festival was starting.

In a statement yesterday,

MVA managing director Perry Tenorio said that MVA submitted on behalf of PTC the application and supporting documents (business licenses) to American Memorial Park on April 27, 2015, which was stamped and received by the National Park Service.

"We only learned of their possible deficiency through Chief Ranger Jason Beatty's communication to the MVA on May 1, advising that they had not received the copy of PTC's business license," Tenorio said.

"In this regard, we regret that we did not get the business licenses stamped received as only the cover page was stamped received by his office.

We resubmitted these documents again today [Monday] with the hope that they will be approved for operation and in time for this weekend's event," he added.

Tenorio said MVA regrets that PTC was not able to participate in the opening of Taste of Marianas since it has been a great partner since the inception of the event.

Cepeda said yesterday that what MVA should have done was notify PTC that there was a notice from American Memorial Park of possibly not being allowed to participate.

*Saipan Tribune* made repeated attempts to obtain comments from Beatty but was not able to get a response as of press time. (Jayson Camacho)

## Legislature starts budget hearings for Public Works, Fire and EMS

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The House Committee on Ways and Means will start today a series of budget hearings for the different government departments and offices at the House of Representatives' chamber on Capitol Hill.

The first agency to face the committee is the Department of Public Works today, May 5, followed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services on Wednesday, May 6.

On Thursday, the committee will tackle the budget for the Saipan Mayor's Office.

Rep. Antonio Sablan (R-Saipan), who chairs the committee, earlier said the "bigger" government agencies will have first crack on the budget hearings.

It will be a juggling act for lawmakers, as the funding requests of the departments exceed the proposed budget of \$145.8 million by \$38.7 million.

Sablan earlier said this means not all government departments will get the exact budget that they requested. Sablan said his committee will have to sit down with the departments and find out how to "help" these departments.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos submitted a budget proposal of \$145.8 million to the Legislature, representing an increase of \$11.5 million, or 8.55 percent, from the budget of the previous fiscal year.

After adjusting for debt service appropriations, earmarked funds, and other legal obligations, the net resources available for general appropriations is \$145.82 million, Inos said.

The budget was derived from the gross budgetary resources reported by the Secretary of Finance for fiscal year 2016 at \$183.55 million.

Of that amount, 37 percent (\$68 million) came from business gross revenue tax, while 21 percent (\$38 million) came from income taxes. Excise taxes contributed 18 percent (\$32.4 million) of the gross budget, while "other taxes" pitched in 13 percent (\$24.6 million).

Licenses and fees contributed 7 percent (\$13.3 million), while charges for services and other revenue contributed 4 percent (\$7.2 million) combined.

## 4 Japanese media groups visit NMI

The Marianas Visitors Authority has attracted familiarization tours by four Japanese media outlets in the last several weeks, visits that will provide free additional publicity for the Northern Mariana Islands in that source market country.

*La Scuba*, a diving magazine for young females, visited April 14-20, 2015. The magazine covers beach resorts and diving worldwide and will feature six full-color pages on the Northern Marianas in its June 2015 issue. The magazine has a circulation of 80,000 and also features shopping, food, and cosmetics.

Asahi Broadcasting Co. visited on April 19-23, 2015, to shoot for the television show "Tabi Salad." "Tabi" means "travel" in English. This Saturday morning program targets viewers interested in learning English and has the very high market share viewership of 8 percent. The show will feature Saipan in an 18-minute segment on May 9, 2015, as a female reporter explores Hyatt Regency Saipan, Marianas Trekking adventures, Managaha, and other sites.

*Sankei Express*, a daily newspaper targeting young business people, was on Saipan through April 27, providing coverage of the Saipan Marathon through the participation of its editor. The anticipated articles will also introduce key tour-

ism sites, with special attention to the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. The newspaper circulates 80,500 daily copies to subscribers and at newsstands in Japan.

Running magazine *Courier* also sent a two-person editorial team to cover the 10th Saipan Marathon. The magazine covers jogging and marathons in Japan and overseas and will feature the Saipan Marathon with four-page coverage in its June 2015 issue. *Courier* circulates 120,000 copies to runners of all ages, a good fit for the Northern Marianas' emphasis on sports tourism.

"As part of our regular activities in Japan and our other source countries, the MVA negotiates for media groups to visit Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and provide coverage," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "In return, the MVA provides assistance with securing film and photography permits and other needs. This win-win marketing strategy results in millions of dollars of unpaid media coverage each year for the Northern Marianas beyond our marketing budget. Much of this media coverage is also published online for anyone interested in learning firsthand about it."

The MVA operates marketing offices in Japan, Korea, China, Russia and Taiwan. (MVA)



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# Military, outreach groups look at their next steps

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As the last public hearings on U.S. military proposed live-fire training in the CNMI closed last Friday, Marine Forces Pacific executive director Craig Whelden assured that concerns about people's right and access to land have been noted. Meanwhile, "Alternative Zero," the outreach group opposed to any and all live-fire training, will now aim their voices to the U.S. mainland and Congress.

"My personal takeaway is that I understand the passion of the people and the connection they have to their land and I completely respect that," Whel-

den said last Friday. "Because I respect that I'd like to talk to the representatives of the CNMI, whether that is a mayor or the governor or the Department of Public Lands, with what their issues are, and how we might address their issues and still meet our training requirements."

He said this is a discussion that he hopes to have over the course of next year, adding that he "completely agrees" with speakers' sentiments that "the CNMI is a jewel."

On mitigation effort not detailed in the draft environmental impact statement, Whelden said this doesn't mean there won't be any.

"We take the input from the public and the CNMI govern-

ment. We still have [U.S.] Fish and Wildlife consultations in front of us, we still have historical preservation discussions in front of us—all those discussions over the course of next year are intended to address the impact that we might be having on the environment, on the island, on the people, or on the oceans."

"I expect that there will be some new mitigation to address some of those concerns. But all of that is in front of us, so it's hard to speculate what it might be," he said.

Pete Perez, who helps lead Alternative Zero, said their outreach at the public hearing were an "unequivocal success."

petitor, to join theirs.

The only problem they have right now is transportation of these goods. But we are "still in the planning stage," he said.

The new suppliers are bringing their produce two to three times a week, according to Cabrera.

"That's really how a co-op should work," he said, with "faithful and consistent" suppliers. (Dennis B. Chan)

Now, he said, they will turn their attention and fundraising efforts to the U.S. mainland where lawmakers will decide the lease of additional CNMI lands to the CNMI per Covenant requirements.

"We will engage with the U.S. Congress," Perez said, adding that they will "not allow the military to dominate the conversation."

Perez said Alternative Zero received a lot of visitors at the tents it set up outside the public hearings. He said over 13,000 bumper stickers, and other outreach material was handed out.

He said their goals were to "get everybody thinking" about how all the military's training alternatives are "about bombing."

"Alternative Zero is something we added [to the military's proposed alternatives]."

This option, he said, shows how CNMI land can be used for "positive and productive purposes."

"We cannot stop. We will not stop until the military acknowledges that this land use is not an option," he said.

## EIS extension

Whelden said that MARFORPAC will be returning to Saipan on May 14. At that time, they intend to get an office call with the governor to talk an extension on the draft EIS comment period.

"I can't comment on it now because it's bigger than me," he said. "It's not my decision.

I have to consult the Marine Corps, the Department of the Navy, the Office of the Secretaries of Defense, because there's quite a number of fac-

tors to consider."

Right now, the CNMI is asking for a six-month extension to the public comment period that began in April. The ongoing comment period is for 60 days.

According to the draft EIS, the military eyes a construction period for the training ranges to begin on Tinian in summer 2016.

Perez said it would be "grossly unfair" if the CNMI did not get the extension, as it would allow for a "meaningful participation" in the comment period.

He said ignoring Gov. Eloy S. Inos' request would be "disrespectful" and a "foolish move for the military" that will have go to U.S. Congress for permission to lease additional CNMI lands.

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## Consistent supply good news for Garapan market

As the Garapan Public Market loads up with more produce, they aim to sell the overstock supply to island hotels, according to a CNMI Farmer's Cooperative Association secretary Isidoro Cabrera.

Right now, they are seeing their store "flooded with cucumbers and tomatoes," Cabrera said.

He told *Saipan Tribune* the market's outlook is improving

after Typhoon Bavi, and as they enter a season prime for abundant crops.

"The market is coming up good. It's starting to fill up. There's a lot of produce now compared to two to three months ago," he said.

Cabrera said that "more farmers are directly delivering" their supply to the market, after leaving the Sabalu Market, a com-

petitor, to join theirs.

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"That's really how a co-op should work," he said, with "faithful and consistent" suppliers. (Dennis B. Chan)

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# 5 arrested for separate domestic violence

Police arrested over the weekend five persons for allegedly committing various offenses in separate domestic violence incidents on Saipan.

Arrested were Phillip Manuel Pangelinan Roberto, 32; Kaylynn Jane Hebron Deleon Guerrero, 25; Alexander Paul Deleon Guerrero Pua, 21; Faunny Andalecio Kelulau, 40; and Tobias Rufus Saimon, 40.

Roberto was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing

the peace.

During an argument with his girlfriend, who was holding their newborn baby, Roberto allegedly slapped her in the neck and pointed a pocketknife at the side of her head at their house in Dandan Homestead on Saturday night.

Roberto was allowed to post a \$625 cash bail and \$5,625 in unsecured bond.

Kaylynn Deleon Guerrero was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and

battery, assault, and disturbing the peace.

Kaylynn Deleon Guerrero and her boyfriend were having an argument at an apartment in Dandan when she allegedly picked up a baseball bat and hit him in the lower back and below his neck, and punched him repeatedly in the face and head. She also allegedly grabbed a box blade, but he managed to hold her wrist.

A \$6,750 cash bail was imposed on Kaylynn Deleon

Guerrero.

Pua was arrested for assault and battery, interfering with a domestic violence report, and disturbing the peace.

Pua allegedly beat up his minor sister and her male friend inside the old Japanese jail in Garapan because she was drinking alcohol during a family's party on Saturday early morning.

A \$2,250 cash bail was imposed on Pua.

Kelulau was allegedly drunk when he and his girl-

friend started arguing inside the car parked in the middle of the road near Northern Marianas College Gymnasium in Finasisu on Friday night. He allegedly pulled her hair and slapped her face. A motorist who saw the incident called the police. The wife told police that Kelulau is violent whenever he gets drunk.

A \$1,500 cash bail was im-

posed on Kelulau.

Saimon was arrested for assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

Saimon allegedly repeatedly punched his girlfriend at a pavilion near Oleai Beach Bar and Grill on Saturday night, after accusing her of having an affair.

A \$1,250 cash bail was imposed on Saimon. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

# Group seeks to stop Best Sunshine hotel project

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A civic group is planning to stop the construction of a hotel casino at a site in Garapan that has been determined to be an ancient burial ground for Chamorros.

This despite Best Sunshine International, Ltd. already being granted a lease and the necessary permits from the Department of Public Lands and the Commonwealth Zoning Board, respectively.

Liana M.S. Hofsneider, founder of the Council of Chamorro Advancement, has submitted a letter of opposition to Public Lands last April 28. The letter indicated that the leased area "hosts significant cultural and historical past" and a site of an ancient Chamorro village. The letter asks DPL to rescind the lease deal, and accept the suggestion of her group to convert the area into a Memorial Walking Park.

Hofsneider said the remains of ancient Chamorros are scattered in the area, indicating that it is an ancient burial ground, which is estimated to be more 1,000 years old.

Aside from the letter of opposition, Hofsneider said her group is also looking for "other ways" to prevent the construction of the casino resort.

She lamented that there seems to be no concrete plans on what Best Sunshine plans to do with the ancient remains, which under CNMI laws should be preserved.

Hofsneider said under CNMI laws, there are protocols for natural history and places of historical significance that should be followed.

Hofsneider earlier said she is not against Best Sunshine per se but is against the "desecration" of historical places, particularly where the Best Sunshine hotel and casino is expected to rise.

She has also asked that Best Sunshine find an alter-

native location so that the area can be transformed into a walking park.

"We are for responsible development," Hofsneider, adding that there was no consultation with Best Sunshine on the historical sites.

She also lambasted agencies such as the Historic Preservation Office and DPL for allowing the company to build on the site without "proper consultations."

Hofsneider said, "It does not mean that if something is approved," it is "within the law." She added that her group is gathering data and evidence to prove that the area should not be used for the casino.

## Permits

The Zoning Board, after a public hearing, voted unanimously to grant the zoning permit to Best Sunshine to build its first hotel casino on the CNMI, to be located on Garapan.

Mark Brown, CEO of Best

Sunshine, presented a computer-generated model of the hotel that he said will be called the "Grand Mariana."

Grand Mariana will be 14 storeys high and will have 254 rooms and six villas. The parking lot will have more than 200 parking slots, accessible via a 30-foot side street.

Brown said it will have a casino, restaurants facing the beach, shopping stalls, and others.

The hotel is expected to rise in a more than 19,000-square-meter public land that has been leased to Best Sunshine for 40 years.

Brown also promised that all the questions of preserving the local culture will be considered, not just in the design of the hotel building but also on how to address the concern on the issue of the burial grounds.

The area in question is currently surrounded by a corrugated roof fence and several heavy machinery can be seen inside the premises.

running the hotel.

The lawyer said that on March 10, 2010, Hyung unilaterally transferred Soo's 200,000 shares to their mother, Tae Bong Kim. Hyung then filed and signed the annual corporate report for the year 2009 reflecting the new transfer, Torres said.

Soo alleged that he did not sell or transfer any of his shares to their mother and that he did not authorize Hyung to make the transfer.

In fact, Torres said, the mother stated that the transfer was illegal and all the shares should be transferred back to Soo.

The lawyer said that, on April 4, 2013, Hyung assigned all of MARISAI's interest on two lots, where the hotel is situated, to Northstar Corp. He said Hyung is the sole shareholder of Northstar Corp.

Torres said Hyung assigned

the properties to his Northstar Corp. in order to take full ownership and control of the properties and hotel for his personal interest and benefit.

Torres said since 2013 up until now, all the interests, benefits and profits generated from the hotel went directly to Northstar, and that Soo and MARISAI continue to receive nothing from these profits.

In Soo's motions for TRO and preliminary injunction, Torres said sometime in late February 2015, Soo received information that Hyung sold the hotel for \$2.6 million and a \$600,000 down payment had already been made, with the balance to be paid in full in the next couple of months.

Torres said his client, Soo, came to Saipan to investigate the matter. Soo reportedly found out that the 2009 Annu-

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Torres said Soo also found out that Hyung does not reside on Saipan any more but his wife, Kyong Won Lee, who is the vice president and secretary of Northstar Corp, controls the full operation of Gold Beach Hotel.

Torres said Lee refused to give any information regarding the sale of the hotel and stated that Soo has absolutely no right, shares, or any interests in the hotel.

Torres asserted that time is of the essence in this case because if Hyung completely sells the hotel, receives full payment of the sale, takes the money and flees from the CNMI, Soo will be left with so much damage.

ral resource management in college, Dela Cruz conceded that "on the environmental side" the military could do much better, particularly on Pagan.

"How much freedom of access will they be given out there? The minute we give the military any ground—once they take those areas—they have every right to restrict people off it."

But in the event the military

does back off from using Pagan, he said the CNMI people and Northern Mariana Island descendants "better damn see something happen" with the island's development.

He was referring to Senate Bill 19-29, which aims to bring agencies together to set off the process of resettling Pagan.

"We've been harping that Pagan can be used for decades.

Why just now? There's been a lot of talks about how we can use Pagan as geothermal renewable energy source, or use it for ecotourism—and it takes a military buildup to wake up their eyes to finally build something?"

Dela Cruz challenged lawmakers to continue with this effort regardless if military buildup happens or not.

When asked to unpack what

he meant by training requirements, he tied it all to "national security."

"It's all related to national security," he said. "Marines, soldiers, airmen, and sailors need to train regularly...skills atrophy. Over time, we have determined that certain tasks must be done at the individual level, the collective level, and a larger level in order to maintain combat readiness and proficiency."

"Over the course of the last two years, we've had a number of staffers and a number of congressmen and senators who have come through," he said.

"And we have told them about the studies we are doing for the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas joint training [environmental impact statement]—but because it's a study and no conclusions have been made yet, I think they are waiting for us to come to a conclusion before we go to that next step."

"There is not that much overlap between congressional decisions related to this and the studies. We need to get through the studies. And the course of the studies will take us probably into next summer," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

## National security

There are "42 unfulfilled training requirements" in the Pacific region, according to Whelden.

He told reporters on Tinian that establishing a training facility on Tinian helps address a national security concern.

"The President of the United States has made clear that there has been a shift to the Pacific in terms of focus strategically. There are number of indications on how we are doing that. One of them is the Secretary of Defense has directed the Marine Corps to maintain a forward presence in the region. We have over 22,000 Marines west of the international dateline and we plan to maintain that forward presence. That forward presence is a deterrent to other adversaries that might think about doing some things that otherwise they very well do."

"The South China Sea is being contested, if not daily, certainly weekly," he said. "All these contests of will in the South China Sea—between them, the Filipinos, the Japanese, and other countries are putting the area at some risk.... Having a forward presence... demonstrates the will of the United States to be here for our friends, our allies," he said.

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According to CNMI historian Don Farrell in a recent column in the *Saipan Tribune*, this role goes back all the way to 1972.

President Richard Nixon's 1969 decision to re-open relations with the People's Republic of China required an end to the Vietnam War, Farrell wrote. To maintain the integrity of the U.S.-Japan security alliance—"the backbone of peace in the Pacific since World War II"—Nixon agreed to return Iwo Jima and Okinawa to Japan, Farrell said.

This required a fallback base for troops stationed in Okinawa, to ensure the new facility would be located on "sovereign American soil," he wrote.

The U.S. offered citizenship and maximum self-government under the U.S. Constitution to the people of the Northern Marianas in return for a lease on two-thirds of Tinian. B-52s would be relocated to North Field, with Marine training ranges in the south.

But before the Covenant was signed, Nixon pulled out of Vietnam, Farrell wrote. Regardless, the CNMI was born, Congress found no reason to fund the construction of the Tinian base, and Tinian remained undeveloped.

# BUSINESSMAN

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temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction prohibiting Hyung and Northstar Corp. from selling the hotel and any other assets of their company, MARISAI Inc.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho set a status conference of the case for today, Tuesday, at 1:30pm.

According to the complaint, Soo owns 200,000 shares of MARISAI Inc. since Feb. 25, 1997, while his brother, Hyung, owns 190,000 shares.

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said most of them are "pro-military." "They just don't want to speak out right now because the crowds are really aggressive. If they came out here to talk about their service, they'd say [the firing ranges] are necessary."

But as one who studied natu-

ral resource management in college, Dela Cruz conceded that "on the environmental side" the military could do much better, particularly on Pagan.

"How much freedom of access will they be given out there? The minute we give the military any ground—once they take those areas—they have every right to restrict people off it."

But in the event the military

# Kathy He of MHS wins 2015 Congressional Art Competition



Kathy He's multi-media pastel and watercolor work, titled "Spring's Color," depicts a butterfly poised on a flower.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**WASHINGTON, D.C.—**

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) recently announced that the winner of the 2015 Congressional Art Competition for the Northern Mariana Islands is Kathy He. A team of local artists chose He's work from among 43 entries submitted by high school students from Rota, Tinian, and Saipan for the annual competition.

He's work, titled "Spring's Color," depicts a butterfly poised on a flower. Her multi-media pastel and watercolor will be displayed for a year at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., alongside the winning art from congressional districts around the country. He, who enjoys drawing from nature, credits both her junior high and high school teachers for the quality and technique of her artwork. "My teachers are

very supportive," He said.

Kathy He is a sophomore at Marianas High School. Her entry in the Congressional Art Competition was one of 19 submitted by her MHS art teacher, Justin McAllister.

"We are very fortunate that our Northern Marianas schools continue to support students' involvement in the arts," said Sablan. "Schools around the country have cut back on music and drama and the visual arts in response to budget constraints. Here in the Northern Marianas we are still able to help our young people develop their creativity through the arts, which is essential to their overall education."

This is the seventh year that students from the Northern Mariana Islands have been able to participate in the Congressional Art Competition. A record 43 artists from Rota, Tinian, and

Saipan submitted entries.

"It only makes the judges' job more difficult to have so many wonderful works to choose from," Sablan said. "And I really appreciate the time our artist-judges volunteered for this event."

"Nevertheless, I am going to encourage students to begin thinking now about entering the competition next year. Maybe we can break the record again."

The Congressional Art Competition is open to high school students grades 9 through 12. Their work may be in a variety

of media: oil, charcoal, watercolors, pencil, photographs, collages, prints, or computer-generated art.

Since the competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 students nationwide have competed for the honor of having their work exhibited in the walkway that connects the Cannon House Office Building to the U.S. Capitol, where Members of Congress, staff, and tens of thousands of visitors annually pass by.

Previous winners from the Northern Mariana Islands include Su Jeong Kim, Krisna Balolong, Hannah Alcordo, Bryan Jose Deleon Guerrero, Aaron Tomokane and Rosanna L. Camacho. (*Office of the Delegate*)

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# Govt forms team to look at RFPs for draft EIS review

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REPORTER

The administration of Gov. Inos S. Inos has formed a team to go over proposals to review a draft environmental impact statement for planned military "live fire" exercises on Tinian and Pagan.

According to press secretary Ivan Blanco, the review team "represents a cross section of our demographics and do not necessarily work in govern-

ment." He did not disclose any other details.

Blanco said the government has received inquiries from both island and off-island groups and individuals expressing interest for the consulting job to review the draft EIS.

The closing date for questions on the scope was last April 28, while the requests for proposals and the submission deadline is tomorrow, May 6, Blanco said.

Inos, meanwhile, returned from the Philippines on Wednesday after undergoing a medical checkup.

The government earlier issued a request for proposals for a third party consultant—with advisory functions—to analyze the draft EIS.

One of the primary goals of the advisory consultant is to "ensure that the Office of the Governor is well versed on the relevance of the DEIS and has

a comprehensive understanding and appreciation of how the Department of Defense proposed action impacts the CNMI, including the direct and indirect impacts, especially those that are less obvious and potentially harmful over the long term operation of live-firing (high explosives) training ranges."

The advisory consultant is also expected to ensure and enable the Office of the Gov-

ernor "to make informed decisions on behalf of the CNMI."

The consultant is also expected to provide a "reasonable analysis" of the draft EIS and provide counsel and recommendations.

"We understand this is a complex and lengthy document that requires expert review. With this RFP, we are reaching out to potential experts in this technical field," Inos, in a statement, said.

## SIS student gets into Forbes' No. 1 college

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A Saipan International School student has been accepted by Williams College, which is currently ranked by Forbes as the No. 1 top college in America.

Victoria Chentsova, who was born and raised on Saipan, said she wasn't expecting her acceptance letter, but quickly scrapped her initial plan of going to the University of Southern California when she found out.

"It was never planned," she said. "I just never thought I'd get in."

Chentsova, who has been at SIS since the start of high school, sent her applications to her colleges of choice through Common App.

Common App requires one to write an essay. Chentsova wrote about how she felt of her home island.

"I wrote about the place that I feel most content," she said. "I wrote about how I feel content [on] Saipan because of its diversity. That's what I'm used to. I was talking about how I'm kind of a minority here. There are not many Russian people. Just how I feel comfortable like this. How I like feeling surrounded by many countries," she said.

"My essay was about 'I never lived anywhere else,'" she said, adding that she was an "islander at heart."

Chentsova, though, is well traveled, having been to Guam, Palau, Pohnpei, Spain, Russia, Turkey, and Russia just for her swim meets.

She is still undecided on what to take up in college but is looking at sociology or pre-med.

"What I want to do is something like Doctors Without Borders. Or maybe work for UNICEF" to help children out, she said.

Chentsova plans to get to Williams College around August, after her swimming competitions this summer.

She thanks SIS for preparing her for what's ahead.

"SIS kicked my butt. But in a good way," she said. "A lot of work, a lot of essays. But it's like a college environment here. It's a lot of reading homework and not much worksheets and studying and being prepared and making sure that when you are at home doing your work, you are working to understand what's going on."

She also thanks high school teachers Keith Tessen and Inger Lee. Tessen, she said was always supportive, telling students that "they can do it."

Lee, she said, helped with her high scores in English. "They're both really tough, but I feel like they both prepared me well."

She also thanked her friends, family, and Saipan Swim Club for pushing her to work hard.



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Saipan International School student Victoria Chentsova has been accepted by Williams College, which is currently ranked by Forbes as the No. 1 top college in America.

## Apatang urges higher penalties for blighted properties

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REPORTER

Mayor David M. Apatang is urging the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation to impose a higher penalty on property owners of blighted properties, saying a local bill that aims to provide for these penalties does not have enough teeth to force these owners to comply.

House Local Bill 19-6, introduced by Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), seeks to require all property owners that hold blighted properties within the island of Saipan to be held accountable to secure and maintain abandoned, vacant, and blighted properties.

This bill states that "...a first offense shall be subject to a

minimum \$200 fine and any other penalties up to \$1,000 per day and any other penalties authorized under CNMI law."

Apatang considers the \$200 penalty trifling and mere pocket change for some property owners, and may not effectively prevent future violations.

"We think compliance with the provisions of the bill, if it becomes law, will be consistent if the amount of monetary penalty is larger than \$200. While the bill provides for a penalty of up to \$1,000 for a second and subsequent violation, the monetary penalty for a first violation should and ought to be higher," Apatang said.

However, he recommended using language that will make it flexible for how much the administrator may impose.

Apatang recommended that instead of using "other penalties," change this to "any amount" up to \$1,000, allowing the penalty to be set between more than \$200 and less than \$1,000.

Apatang also proposed several amendments to the bill, saying he supports the bill but a few tweaking would make it a lot better to avoid amendments later on.

"The bill is an important step toward resolving a longstanding concern that is a threat to the safety, health, and welfare of the residents and most definitely not a positive promotion of our island as a preferred visitor destination," he said.

"We submit our support for the bill and ask the local delegation to pass it after considering the amendments," he added.

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The SYP is encouraging high school students to create a logo that represents the committee's core value and identity as Saipan's young professionals.

Included in these core values are SYP's belief of what professionalism and leadership is all about, their definition of what a professional and a leader is, as well as their commitment to remain inclusive, authentic, and humble.

The logo will also symbolize SYP's value in education, dedication to collaboration, and belief in a better Marianas.

Designs must show the acronym "SYP" clearly visible and prominent. It must be round in shape and must also have a general color theme of blue and yellow.

Winning participants of the contest will receive \$300, \$200, and \$100 plus gift packages. Another two will be chosen to receive consolation gift packages.

According to SYP, this is their way of getting the youth involved and excited about their committee and what they stand for. They also want to involve the young in creating an identity on Saipan.

Those who wish to participate in the design logo contest must submit official entry forms along with their designs on or before May 18.

Participants may submit their design in either print or digital formats.

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (670) 234-7150 or e-mail them at [coordinator@saipan-chamber.com](mailto:coordinator@saipan-chamber.com).

## Teregeyo is arrested again, this time for allegedly stealing tourist's purse

Police again arrested Syl Kolin Kaipat Teregeyo on Friday, this time for allegedly stealing a tourist's Chanel bag at the beach of Aquarius Beach Tower in Susupe.

The suspect, later identified as Teregeyo, drove the car away at a high rate of speed, nearly hitting a bystander.

The victim shouted for help, chased the car on foot, and managed to take photo of the vehicle on her cell phone.

The car drove south toward Beach Road from the access road south of Aquarius Hotel near the Volcano Hotel.

Police detectives later found out that the car was registered to Teregeyo's wife.

Tarkong said police questioned Teregeyo, who admitted he was driving the car at that time, but denied he was involved in the theft of the tourist's bag.

Tarkong said further investigation led detectives to recover the purse, which the defendant allegedly hid inside a broken refrigerator near his residence.

Tarkong said the items inside the bag were also recovered.

Last April 26, police arrested Teregeyo for allegedly refusing to leave the house of his wife, with whom he had an argument with over the stolen purse from a tourist. A neighbor apparently informed the wife that the defendant hid the stolen purse.

At a bail hearing the following day, Camacho released the defendant on a \$250 unsecured bond. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## High school students called to join SYP's logo design contest

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REPORTER

In line with Entrepreneurial Month this May, the Saipan Young Professionals Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce is holding a logo design contest.

The SYP is encouraging high school students to create a logo that represents the committee's core value and identity as Saipan's young professionals.

Included in these core values are SYP's belief of what professionalism and leadership is all about, their definition of what a professional and a leader is, as well as their commitment to remain inclusive, authentic, and humble.

# Bill wants DPL to stop leasing public lands to military

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REPORTER

Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-

Saipan) filed a bill prohibiting the Department of Public Lands from leasing any lands of the Commonwealth for military purposes.

Senate Bill 19-42 cited that properties of the Commonwealth are available to the

U.S. government for military defense training purposes through leasing of public lands on Tinian and Saipan and the

entire island of Farallon de Medinilla and its surrounding waters.

However, the entire FDM and its surrounding waters have been devastated and completely destroyed as a result of the military bombing and training activities over the past 20 years or so, the bill noted.

It is also noted that the Commonwealth did not anticipate that total destruction, on both land and sea, would occur during the FDM lease negotiations.

The bill cited further that the U.S. military currently has a lease on two-thirds of Tinian but still wants to lease the whole of Pagan.

The bill is proposing that no more lands be leased to the military.

**More public hearings**

Palacios, meanwhile, said

the three public hearings the military conducted on the draft Environmental Impact Statement may not be enough.

He said there should be more community hearings that will not involve the military.

The lawmaker also shrugged off a plan to reduce the size of the bombing target on Pagan and select areas where there is lava.

"The impacts will still be felt. The damage will be there even if you say you try to minimize the impacts," Palacios said.

He said the military exercises—should they happen—will impact every "living and non-living things on Pagan," and impact the "socio-economic" and cultural aspects of the whole CNMI.

## OLDER AMERICANS MONTH/MES MAN'AMKO

### McDonald's treats man'amko to breakfast



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Man'amkós were served food and had fun at McDonald's yesterday in line with Older Americans Month celebrations this May. The fast-food chain is planning to hold the event annually as a way of giving back to the seniors.

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REPORTER

A different breakfast was served for the islands' man'amko yesterday, with McDonald's Saipan giving them a morning treat of food and fun in line with the celebration of May as Older

### Search for missing diver turns into recovery

TALOFOFO, Guam—The search for the missing diver along first beach has transitioned into recovery operations.

The search for the missing diver along First Beach concluded Sunday afternoon, after responders completed an exhaustive search with negative results. U.S. Coast Guard District Fourteen Commander in Honolulu Hawaii, Rear Admiral Cari Thomas, granted Active Search Suspension for the case after receiving a brief by the Coast Guard Search and Rescue Coordinator in Guam on the circumstances of the case.

As of late Sunday afternoon, Guam Fire Department and Guam Police Department have transitioned into a recovery phase and are being supported by the U.S. Coast Guard. The response boats, divers, and shore line teams from the responding agencies will remain on-scene until dark and return in the morning.

Responders spent 26 hours

Americans Month.

About 60 clients of the Office on Aging were brought to the fast food chain's Middle Road branch to have breakfast and enjoy themselves in a short round of games.

"We always wanted to come to McDonald's. ... This is a nice way to celebrate the month of

and covered 58 square nautical miles during the search. (USCG)

The seniors were served coffee and oatmeal with fruits.

"The reason we chose oatmeal is because it's a healthy alternative. We thought it would be a good breakfast for everybody," Ayuyu Jr. said.

While eating breakfast, the seniors were also entertained with games. The clients were excited and energetic as they participated in "Pass the Ball," "Stop Dance," "Trip to Jerusalem," and "Bring Me."

One game the seniors enjoyed a lot was the longest greeting

May which is the month of man'amko," said Saipan Seniors Advisory Council president Maria Salinas. "I think some of them have never been here so this is a real treat," she added.

"I feel young because it's McDonald's," said SSAC vice president and reigning Man'amko Queen Teresita Sorroza.

It was the first time for the 22-year-old Saipan establishment to hold the event, which came as a pleasant surprise for some of the man'amko. According to the management, they are planning to do this every year.

"It's my turn to give back and take care of you. We promise that we will do this every year. You're the reason that we're here," said McDonald's owner and operator Marcia E. Ayuyu, addressing the man'amko.

For shift manager Joe Ayuyu Jr., it was a way to provide a breath of fresh air for and a chance to interact with the seniors.

"It's good to get out once in a while, going to a different atmosphere," he said

#### Food and fun

The seniors were served coffee and oatmeal with fruits.

game where they competed in saying "I love McDonald's" the lengthiest time. The audience laughed and teased as their fellow seniors had a hard time trying to say the sentence for more than 10 seconds.

Aging Office director Walter Manglona said he is very thankful and appreciative of McDonald's for holding this event.

"We're very happy that they are doing this for the man'amko. Our clients really enjoyed themselves with all the games and exercises," he said.

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN,	)	CIVIL ACTION
	)	NO.: 15-0039
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	AMENDED
	)	SUMMONS
JOSEPH ANTHONY CABRERA	)	
SANTOS and CAROL S. SANTOS,	)	
Defendants.	)	

#### TO: CAROL S. SANTOS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which shall be provided upon request to Plaintiff's counsel, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer.

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Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For additional information, please contact the CPA HR Administrator Mrs. Addy C. Manahane, by email at acmanahane@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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# Tinian's Nepalese residents pray for their country



Members of the Nepal Tinian Society and their supporters gather Thursday evening at the Hindu Temple on Tinian.

Members of the Nepal Tinian Society and their supporters gathered Thursday evening at the Hindu Temple on Tinian to pray, light candles, and sign a condolence book for those who lost their lives in the great earthquake in Nepal, with fervent wishes for the quick recovery for the earthquake victims.

Bal Krishna Thapa Magar, founder and president of NTS, said the Nepal Tinian Society is collecting relief funds on Tinian to help the earthquake victims in Nepal.

For those who would like to donate, they can stop by the Tinian Mobil gas station to drop their donations on the donation box provided for this purpose or they could contact Magar at 287-8220 or Bharat Raj Bhatt at 433-0132. (*Saipan Tribune*)



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Members of the Nepal Tinian Society and their supporters sign a condolence book for those who lost their lives in the great earthquake in Nepal.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Members of the Nepal Tinian Society and their supporters pray and light candles inside the Hindu Temple on Tinian for those who lost their lives in the great earthquake in Nepal.



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A guest signs the condolence book in front of the Hindu Temple on Tinian.

## BLISSFUL TIMES

Happy birthday to our loving, beautiful mother and grandmother, Josephine S. Indalecio, and happy 20th wedding anniversary to our loving parents, William and Josephine Indalecio! May God bless you both extra special today and with many more loving years to come. Love, Kim and Eric, Jun, Waltz and DJ, and most especially your one and only magas, Izaiah Blaze!



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## Four rescued at sea near Pohnpei

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—Four men were rescued at sea after their boat sank in the waters off Pohnpei.

At 4:01pm on May 2, 2015, watch standers at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam's Joint Rescue Sub-Center received a search and rescue satellite alert for a 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacon in the vicinity of Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

JRSC immediately reached out to FSM, advised them of the situation, and requested the launch of the 52-foot FSM patrol boat, FSS

*Unity*. The Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue System participating vessel *Oceanus*, a 93-foot Vanuatu flagged refrigerated cargo ship, was contacted to conduct a search in the distress location. A request for aerial support was made to U.S. Coast Guard's Joint Rescue Coordination Center in Hawaii. Broadcasts were also made advising mariners in the area of the distress.

FSS *Unity* launched from Pohnpei and once on-scene reported experiencing 25 knot winds, six-foot seas, and two

miles visibility. JRSC Guam provided FSS *Unity* with several updated SARSAT positions, before the four men and their sunken 22-foot center console vessel were located 11 nautical miles west of Pohnpei. The men drifted one nautical mile in a little over four hours before their rescue. The men were recovered and returned to Pohnpei. No major injuries were reported.

Having the foresight to carry a properly registered PLB greatly increased the men's chances of survival and being located by

rescuers. An activated PLB will alert the nearest rescue center of the distress and allow them to better direct resources to the distress location in a timely manner. Having the proper survival equipment and signaling devices aboard a vessel are essential to having a higher probability of survival, if things go wrong at sea. It is recommended that all mariners inform someone of their travel plans and carry personal flotation devices for all persons aboard the vessel; an alert beacon, whether it be an Emergency Position Indicating Beacon or PLB; flares; and reliable communications. (*USCG*)

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### BSI exec on Jon Gonzales LIVE!

John Gonzales LIVE will feature the topic "BSI invests in the Marianas: Overview and what next?" on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 on TV Channel 14. It will have Best Sunshine CEO Mark Brown as special guest. The show is from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on TV Channel 14. To participate in the discussion, contact via email at [johngonzaleslive@gmail.com](mailto:johngonzaleslive@gmail.com) or text 285-META (6382). The show will be replayed on Monday, May 11, and Tuesday, May 12. (*PR*)

### Navy training at Warning Area 517

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on May 5 and 6, from 1pm to 4pm. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprised of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace

that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. W-517 is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 10'N/144° 30'E, 13° 10'N/144° 42"E, 12° 50'N/144° 45"E, 11° 00'N/144° 45"E, 11° 00'N/143° 00"E, 11° 45'N/143° 00"E, 12° 50'N/144° 30"E. (*PR*)

### CNMI Museum board meeting schedule

The CNMI Museum of History and Culture will be holding a regular meeting of its board of governors on Friday, May 8, at 9am at the NMI Humanities Council conference room. The agenda will include the election of officers, a review of the museum work plan and preparations for the development of a strategic plan, and upcoming projects. A finalized agenda will be available prior to

and at the meeting. This meeting is open to the public. You may contact Robert Hunter at the CNMI Museum, telephone 664-2160 for more information about the meeting. (*PR*)

### Air Force training at Farallon de Medinilla

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- May 6 and 7, from 10am to 2pm
- May 8, from 10am to 4pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (*PR*)

# 2015 Tinian San Jose Fiesta



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Bruddah Waltah performs Friday night at the Tinian San Jose Fiesta.

Shibe, son of the Frank Bokonggo, sing's "Fiestan San Jose" on May 1, 2015.

# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### Chronicling a wide world of govt waste

We were saddened to see the consummate government watchdog Tom Coburn, R-Okl., resign his Senate seat in December due to a recurrence of prostate cancer. Coburn was famed for his annual Wastebook report, the final version of which, in 2014, contained 100 examples of government waste totaling \$25 billion.

But perhaps Congress has found someone to take up Coburn's watchdog mantle. This month, freshman Republican Rep. Steve Russell, also from Oklahoma, released his first "Waste Watch" report. It offers 10 examples of government waste totaling more than \$117 million.

Examples include the nearly \$700,000 spent by the National Science Foundation to help amateur moviemakers produce "cinematic movies created by manipulating avatars in 3-D computer game worlds," and the \$559,000 the U.S. Agency for International Aid provided over two years to teach Moroccan teenagers "public speaking, team building and conflict mitigation techniques" in an attempt to keep them from becoming violent political extremists (basically, the anti-terrorism version of inner-city midnight basketball programs). Then there are the 6.5 million Social Security accounts still active for people who would be at least 112 years old – on paper, anyway.

A number of military-related items made the list, which should remind members of Congress, particularly Republicans, that the military is no more efficient with taxpayer dollars than the rest of the government, and that there are plenty of ways to reduce defense spending without "endangering our troops." Consider the U.S. military's \$456,669 contract to build a training facility for the Afghan Special Police that started disintegrating in the rain after four months because its bricks were made mostly of sand.

Depressing as these cases are, it is heartening to know that someone in Congress still has the gumption to uncover and publicize them. After all, spotlighting waste is the first step toward eliminating it.

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### Is the country ready for Marco Rubio?

It looks like Florida Sen. Marco Rubio has really wowed the folks in New Hampshire.

After making the rounds throughout that state, Rubio has now taken a narrow lead among Republicans in a nationwide presidential preference poll.

Rubio does make a good first impression. He is smart, articulate, young. But is he really the best choice for Republicans?

He is the kind of candidate who could win a primary in New Hampshire or Iowa. But does that mean the nation would go for him?

Republicans are desperate to win back the White House. Winning primaries is not the objective. Would the Republicans really make him their nominee? Do they really think the country is going all tea party?

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### Cinco de Mayo

Puebla is south of the Rio Grande, way south, lying between the port city of Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico that connected New Spain with Europe, and the high altitude *Ciudad de Mexico*, the former Aztec city built on the island of Tenochtitlan on the old lake Texococo a good 7,380 ft. above sea level. Some parts of what had evolved into the Federal District of Mexico City hit as high as 12,890 ft.

*Cinco de Mayo* is remembered as the battle of Puebla of 1862 when the struggling new state defeated the French (Spain colonized the region in 1521 after Cortes warred against the Aztecs 1519-21 from Vera Cruz to Tenochtitlan; Spain granted it independence in 1821). Laden with debts, Mexico suspended payments to debtors in Spain, England and France for two years. The three European nations in turn sailed to Veracruz; Spain and England negotiated their terms and came out with settlements.

France and Napoleon III wanted to take advantage of the U.S. preoccupation with its Civil War and tried to establish an empire. The better-equipped and organized French forces went against Mexican troops in Puebla but maneuvered not too well, decidedly losing its battle in what has since become the signal celebration for American-Mexican pride and identity, with some treating it like Independence Day between California and Louisiana, and the major northern cities as well. The French incursion was the last invasion of foreign forces on American soil.

Of interest to Pinoy and Chamorro who learned their history lessons from Western accounts, 1521 is a significant year. The Portuguese explorer Magellan who led an expedition of five Spanish ships sailed out of Seville across the Atlantic through the treacherous passage north of Tierra del Fuego now bearing his name. He proceeded to "discover" the Philippines after languishing in an uneventful passage through a lackluster peaceful sea he named *Mar Pacifica* (Pacific Ocean), resupplying provision and "trading" with indigenes in Guam who sailed in outriggers and liberally helped themselves to his ships' wares, thus earning the name *Islas de los Ladrones*, (Island of Thieves) before it was renamed after Mariana of Austria.

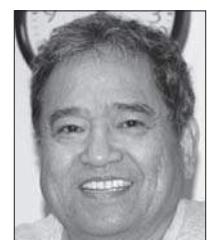
History buffs recall that the discovery of the New World by Europe stemmed from attempts to sail to the Spice Islands of Malacca where cloves and cinnamon were thought to abound. Portuguese Magellan as a young man sailed to Malacca from Portuguese Goa in India but fell out of favor with Portugal. Later, under Spain, he led the expedition to find a westward route to Malacca. The Pope divided the globe between Spain and Portugal, later making Malacca Portuguese and the Philippines Spanish.

Though the Far East was no stranger to the Middle East/Europe before the lure of spices, the Han initiating the Silk Road earlier, and linguistically, Austronesia's reach extended from the East

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Coast of Africa to Polynesia, search of spices and tea defined the galleon trade from Acapulco to Manila until 1815, but trade was not the heart of Cinco de Mayo. Pride is. The celebration flourished first in the Latino community in California since 1863 in response to the resistance to French rule in Mexico out of partisan impulse.

In Mexico, Juarez in 1862 declared a national holiday for the Battle of Cinco de Mayo and though public schools are closed and officially a holiday in the states of Puebla and Veracruz, it is ignored in the rest of Mexico.

The Chicano movement of the '40s gave the festivities a boost, crossing over to the other states in the '50s and '60s, getting a bump in marketing when beer companies started promoting its celebrative nature. Mexico and Texas awash with oil funds joined the band!

It took more significance in the United States when Congress in 2005 issued a resolution asking the U.S. President to lead the nation in ceremonies and activities on *Cinco de Mayo*. Mexican culture took on more emphasis and the *baile folklorico* and the *mariachi* music style began to be associated with the annual celebration, along with commercial interests advertising Mexican products and services, emphasizing beverages, foods, and music.

With the advent of the globalization of culture, it did not take long for Canada, the Caribbean, the Caymans and Jamaica, Australia, England and New Zealand, France and Japan to start celebrating the Latino aspect of the American heritage. *Cinco de Mayo* has since gotten to the pub, restaurant, and bar levels.

Magellan is a restaurant at PIC on Saipan. They are not planning a promo on *Cinco de Mayo*, neither is the Hyatt though the culinary bent this month is Spanish. *Mariachi* has been added to numerous island music repertoires so the strum and beat will be heard, and the *baile folklorico* is no stranger to local steps already seen at the Flame Tree Festival; they will be seen again.

The men in blue are airing caution on drinking and driving this day and the rest of May. The Shack will squeeze lime on the *tequila*. That will do for *Cinco de Mayo*.

# A proactive, impactful look at words I despise

**A**lthough I love language, there are certain words that make me break out in hives. I have an allergic reaction when I see or hear them: I shiver as my temperature rises, I turn a mottled shade somewhere between mauve and crimson and my jaw clamps shut.

Like poison ivy, these often appear in clumps. Most recently, I've walked into thickets and groves of the following toxic terms: "disrupt" "cohort," "synergy," "lifestyle," "wheelhouse" "iconic," "branding" "curated," "vocalize," "artisanal," "impactful" and "relatable."

"Toxic" should probably be there, too.

What's wrong with these words? Individually and in their native habitats, they're fine. "Vocalize" is dandy, fitting snugly into the world of music; as my friend Jana explains, "Vocalize should be restricted only to use by singers, who associate very specific meanings and actions to the word." She goes on to ask, "What term is the corporate world going to appropriate next—'audiate'?"

But when my students write, "Jane Eyre vocalized her inner emotions to Mr. Rochester" I underline "vocalized" as well as "inner emotions" and insist they write something more text-specific, precise and informative. "What do you mean and why is it important?" is what I usually ask.

By the third rewrite, they usually know what they mean and they know how to say it.

I've learned, after 28 years of teaching, that "vocalize," like "relatable," is a dodge: It is an intellectual sleight of hand. If a student defines a character as "relatable," I ask: Does that mean he's sympathetic, intriguing, recognizable, emotionally complex, clichéd, seductive, likable, familiar, accessible or perspicuous? If my student says, "Yeah, that's right—relatable" I know she hasn't done any of the reading.

Overused or misused words become bankrupted of whatever original meanings they might have had. Used to obscure rather than to clarify ideas, they don't express thought but instead divert attention away from the fact that the person using the term employs it as an act of camouflage, disguising his or her inability to say what needs saying.

"Proactive," for example, should be struck from our vocabulary.

Why? Because it means "active." A friend, who knows that "proactive" is anathema to me, said, "I want to motivate my staff. I tell them to be 'proactive.' What other words can I use?"

"How about asking them to be enthusiastic, energetic, engaged, insightful or thoughtful? Even better, how about asking them to do what you really want? You want their focused attention? Ask

for it. You want them to tell you practical ways in which they can do their jobs better? Make it possible for them to be direct and honest in their responses and then make the changes they suggest."

You don't have to "implement" "fundamental paradigm shifts" as an "influencer" to "ensure sustainable best practices" by "mobilizing your resources" in an "accelerated" "idea-driven" and "powerfully transformative" "watershed event" with "high-stakes" "holistic" "modeling behavior" creating an "organic," "abundant" and "quantifiably," if not "dazzling," "win-win" environment that will be so "mindful" and "balanced" that "gurus" and "unicorns" from throughout the "blogosphere" will applaud the "mission and mandate" your "revolutionizing vision" will have on "setting a gold standard."

Next in line for execution (as in "to be exterminated" not as in "being put to use") are feeble conversational caveats such as "I just wanted to say," "No offense, but," "Can I just mention that" and "I don't know if you'd agree, but..."

When folks begin sentences this way I want to shout, "If you're going to say something dull, uninformed or belligerent, don't apologize in ad-

vance. Either stand up for what's coming out of your mouth or wait until you know what you think before you speak."

Also deserving to be driven out of our vocabularies with pitchforks and torches are the following: "moving forward," "circle back," "content driven," "low-hanging fruit," "hash-tagging," "out-of-the-box," "thought leader," "take-away" and "come together." (Of this last one, my friend Rose Valenta quips "Are we all practicing our Kegel exercises now?")

Of course the "ize" have it: "optimize," "monetize," "galvanize," "strategize," "prioritize," "incentivize," "globalize" and "utilize."

Why use "utilize" when you can use "use"?

If you love language, treat it with respect, honor and intimacy. Play with it, but never treat it lightly.

And never, ever use the word "impactful."



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## PRO: It's time for Americans to embrace freedom of speech over political correctness

By WHITT FLORA  
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**A**s we prepare to celebrate the United Nation's World Press Freedom Day this Sunday, U.S. journalists and reporters from many nations are still braving death threats from Islamic terrorists across the globe.

Tragically, many journalists and photographers have already been killed by these fanatics who suddenly emerged in the 21st century as if in a time capsule from medieval times.

One of the worst attacks occurred on the morning of this January 7 in Paris when two brothers belonging to al-Qaida's branch in Yemen stormed their way into the offices of France's satirical weekly newspaper, Charlie Hebdo.

Armed with AK-47 assault rifles, those terrorists killed 11 people and injured 11 others inside the building. After the terrorists left the weekly's offices, they added to death count by killing a French National Police Officer who had just arrived at the scene. Several related attacks killed another five people in the nearby region of ile-de-France, bringing the murder toll to 16.

What did the Charlie Hebdo staff members and the other journalists do to deserve such grisly deaths? They drew satirical sketches of the Prophet Muhammad, which is perfectly legal in France and most other European democracies where freedom of expression is an enshrined right.

France, upholding its honor with typical gallic elan, responded swiftly to the attacks, rounding up known and suspected terrorists in Paris and throughout the country.

On January 11, some two million people, including more than 40 world leaders, gathered in Paris for a rally of national and global unity. Sadly, President Barack Obama was not among them.

However, American journalism itself has hardly been a pillar of courage in standing up to Islamic extremism. Only a handful of newspapers have reprinted the Charlie Hebdo cartoons. Scandinavian newspapers, with a fraction of the U.S. dailies' cir-

culation, have reprinted dozens of those cartoons.

This coming Sunday is a perfect time for American newspapers and television networks to show solidarity with their martyred colleagues by displaying one or more of the cartoons criticizing the Prophet Mohammed that prompted such violent reprisals.

It would be wonderful, indeed, if most of the 1,400 American daily newspapers and the 1,700-plus TV stations displayed at least one of the offending cartoons that led to the deaths of their heroic colleagues abroad.

Leading American organizations of journalists also should also make major statements that show unbridled support for World Press Freedom Day.

Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists, and the Columbia University School of Journalism could sponsor a day-long event in the ballroom of the National Press Club in Washington sometime this summer to honor this most basic freedom.

As United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon recently declared: "Only when journalists are at liberty to monitor, investigate and criticize policies and actions can good governance exist."

He's right. It's time for American newspapers and TV stations to show their mettle by running one of the many cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad—not to insult Muslims, but merely to show the world that freedom of the press remains sacrosanct in the United States.

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not the way the country feels. The country is more moderate. And if the Republicans have any chance in 2016, they will pick a more moderate candidate.

Jeb Bush hasn't officially declared yet.

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## CON: Free expression should never be suppressed, but should be exercised with respectful restraint

By GEORGE BISHARAT  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**A**s we celebrate the United Nations' World Press Freedom Day this Sunday, we should remember that freedom of expression and good journalism, while both pillars of democratic society, are not the same thing.

So it is not inconsistent to both defend the right of American news media to harshly criticize Islam and to simultaneously counsel prudence in the exercise of that right.

American news media should extend respect and restraint toward Islam in the same degree as they would any other religious tradition.

Just as we recognize that anti-Semitic commentary, for example, has no place in proper journalism, despite the fact it may be protected speech, the same is true of hateful and misleading images of Muslims.

In this sense, the French political satire magazine Charlie Hebdo, which—among other slights to Islam—published pornographic caricatures mocking

the Prophet Muhammad, is no example for American news media to follow.

Muslims citizens of France, already disempowered and marginalized in French society, experienced the cartoons as little more than expressions of anti-Muslim bigotry.

Their pain was not ameliorated by the fact that Charlie Hebdo also satirized Catholicism and Judaism. The hurt and humiliation of African Americans would be no different if an American publication featured cartoons of Little Black Sambo, the late 19th-century character in a children's book that depicted African Americans as perpetually childlike and naive.

Journalism fills a more edifying role when it challenges power and official authority, rather than rubbing salt in the wounds of the powerless.

None of this is to deny the fact that we find ourselves today at odds with some Muslims in a variety of locales.

Nor does it justify in any way the terrible deeds that are being committed in the name of Islam by perpetrators who call themselves Muslims—including the brutal murders of Charlie Hebdo staff members. It is the role of news outlets to condemn atrocities when they happen.

But if journalism's goal is to provide fair and balanced reporting as well as editorial and analysis that educates the public, we must simultaneously seek understanding—not justification, but understanding—of that which we condemn.

Why has violence peaked in a number of Muslim-majority countries in the last few years?

Do differences in values truly explain our conflicts with some Muslims?

Are there changes to our own policies and actions that we should consider so as to promote reconciliation?

If we do not pose these questions, we run the substantial risk of seeing more, not fewer such atrocities in the future.

Sadly, the extent and intensity of our confrontation with large parts of the Muslim world seem only to have multiplied over the last decades, suggesting that our policies may be aggravating, rather than curing, the problem. Good journalism can help us understand why as we strive to alter this dangerous cycle.

The Israeli journalist Tom Segev registered a perceptive observation in a November 2001 New York Times op-ed entitled "Learning from Israel and its Mistakes" regarding the United States reaction to the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001: "Globalization, cultural domination and support for oppressive regimes were not immediately considered plausible causes for the attacks. In the same way, many Israelis ignore the causes that lead Palestinians to wage a war of terror against them, choosing instead to argue that they have been attacked not for anything they have done but simply for who they are."

American news media serve us best when they critically analyze our nation's policies toward the Muslim world and challenge official defenses of those policies.

There is nothing wrong with condemning the indefensible acts of some Muslims, but if we only react with revulsion, or yield to the temptation of ridicule, then our relations with Muslims worldwide are likely to remain inflamed.

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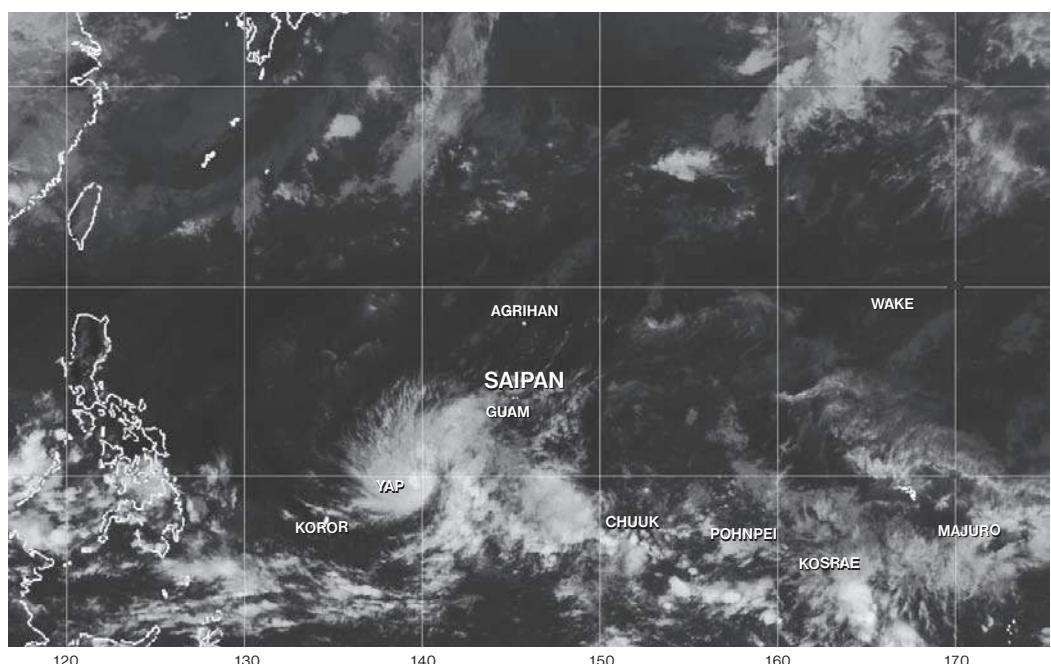
Folks like Rush Limbaugh would love to see Rubio get the nomination. Because Rubio follows the ultra right wing orthodoxy. But that's

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 75°	▲ 87° ▼ 75°	▲ 86° ▼ 75°	▲ 86° ▼ 75°	▲ 87° ▼ 75°

## Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Noul was about 400 miles southwest of Guam. Showers associated with the tropical storm are expected to remain outside the local forecast area. East trade-winds and isolated showers will persist through the week. A circulation now near Pohnpei will move west. An east trade-wind swell will persist through the forecast. A southwest swell is expected through Thursday and then will gradually become a west swell by Friday. Neither swell will become large and the rip current risk will be low through at least mid-week. A broad and weak circulation remains centered southwest of Pohnpei near 5N155E with a monsoon trough extending to the southeast passing south of Pohnpei and Kosrae. Satellite imagery shows that widespread convection has decreased into smaller individual clusters across the region but models indicate generally wet weather will redevelop in the next day or two and persist through the week for both Kosrae and Pohnpei. Northeast trades will keep most of the activity southwest of Majuro. The broad and weak circulation to the southeast near 5N155E will move very little the next few days. Most showers and thunderstorms will remain farther to the east but isolated showers and thunderstorms will persist at Chuuk through the end of the week. Tropical Storm Noul will bring increasing winds to the area over the next 24 hours.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia		
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 89 ▼ 80
Yap	Heavy Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 80
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 79

Tides		
Saipan Harbor		
3:31 AM	Today	Low Tide: 0.9 Feet
8:45 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.9 Feet
3:46 PM	Today	Low Tide: -0.2 Feet
10:24 PM	Today	High Tide: 1.9 Feet

## Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:53 AM	6:36 PM
Wednesday	5:53 AM	6:36 PM
Thursday	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Friday	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:37 PM

## Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:35 PM	6:34 AM
Wednesday	8:29 PM	7:22 AM
Thursday	9:22 PM	8:13 AM
Friday	10:16 PM	9:06 AM
Saturday	11:08 PM	10:02 AM

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS				
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>			<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>				
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
<b>SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)</b>			<b>GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)</b>				
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
<b>ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)</b>			<b>ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN</b>				
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
<b>SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)</b>			<b>PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN</b>				
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b>			<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b>				
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>			<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>				
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ623	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ624	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>			<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>				
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b>			<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b>				
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
<b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b>			<b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b>				
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
<b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b>			<b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b>				
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:55pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b>			<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b>				
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/623	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/							

# Team Beauties and the Beasts rules Quiz Nite IV

Quiz Nite IV last Saturday, May 2, had a total of seven teams composed of six or more players battling to become the new champions at the Fiesta Resort and Spa's Hibiscus Hall. The Autism Society of the CNMI thanks Team Ikaika for coming again, Team Pathfinder representing the good folks at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, State Rehabilitation Council, and the CNMI Office of Transportation Authority for coming out to take no prisoners, Team Manny Pac representing members of the ASCNMI who came to fight for glory, and Team Marpac for bringing prizes, giveaways and their smartest people to fight for the coveted and elusive Quiz Nite golden trophy.

When the dust settled, a new team took first place this year! Team Beauties and the Beasts with George Hasselback fought through five rounds, 50 questions, and countless team discussions to score a total of 29 points to

## **THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS OF SAIPAN**

### **Family grief support meeting on Thursday**

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding its monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, May 7, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road in Gualo Rai.

We offer understanding and hope to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents who are grieving the loss of a child of any age, and from any cause. We provide a safe, confidential setting, in which to share our experiences, while respecting and supporting each other, and listening. We have "been there." We do not espouse any specific religious or philosophical ideology. There is no "right way" to grieve, and family members are welcome to come to share or just to listen.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive. Today more than 600 chapters serving all 50 states plus Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, and Saipan offer friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents and other family members during the natural grieving process after a child has died.

For more information, email [tcfSaipan@gmail.com](mailto:tcfSaipan@gmail.com) or call Jill Derickson at 989-9821. To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at [www.compassionatelffriends.org](http://www.compassionatelfriends.org). (TCF)

walk away with their heads held high, a glittering gold trophy, but with their pockets empty because they gave back their \$300 prize to ASCNMI.

In second place was Team Busch Knights, which was also new to Quiz Nite. They represented Typhoon Digital,

a local business specializing in computer graphics, along with their close friends. Together they mustered 27 total points, and had to battle to win by a single point against Team 246 in the tie breaker Round 6. After claiming their silver trophy, they also handed back

their \$200 prize to ASCNMI.

Team 246, made up of doctors, lawyers, and their significant others, came in third place with 26 points from a possible 50 total points. Team 246 got the green trophy and the \$100 prize, which they immediately gave back to ASCNMI. (In-

cidentally, this team named themselves after a toothpick incident in the 1988 movie *Rain Man* where Dustin Hoffman as Raymond, a man with autism, counted the toothpicks when they fell to the floor. He added 82 three times and came up with

246 toothpicks. Tom Cruise, who played his brother, asked the waitress who dropped the toothpick box what was the count on the toothpick box, and she said 250, but then added that there were still four toothpicks left in the box.)

Team Beauties and Beasts will have absolute bragging rights until April 2016 when Quiz Nite V will call them back out to battle again as defending champions of the Autism Society of the CNMI's Quiz Nite Trivia Challenge.

Thank you to everyone who came to help, including our process observers Becky and Chad, and the wonderful judges, Bernie Benevente Helstrom with 40 years and counting in education, Barbara Sher who is a published writer several times and known as "The Games Lady," and Jimmy Sablan of NMPASI, whose claim to fame is knowing just about everyone on island.

So if you think you and your family and or friends have the cranium capacity to compete for glory and bragging rights, come out next April 2016 during Autism Awareness Month to dethrone Beauties and the Beasts and to take home the Golden Quiz Nite V Trophy! (ASCNMI)

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# Gervacio Saure named chief of EEOC Honolulu office

**LOS ANGELES**—The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has announced the selection of Glory Gervacio Saure as the new director of its Honolulu local office. In her capacity, Gervacio Saure will oversee EEOC's operations in the state of Hawaii and the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island, and the

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands effective May 3.

"Glory Gervacio Saure has expertly and graciously served the public through the EEOC for many years," said Rosa M. Viramontes, district director for the EEOC's Los Angeles District, which oversees the Honolulu Local Office. "Ms. Gervacio Saure's longstanding

ties within the communities in Hawaii and her incredible experience in investigating employment discrimination cases will serve her well as she assumes leadership of the Honolulu office."

Gervacio Saure was born and raised in Honolulu and graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a bachelor

of arts degree in political science. She worked as an enforcement investigator for nearly 14 years at the EEOC's Honolulu Local Office and often provides outreach and educational assistance to various communities in her jurisdiction. Gervacio Saure has been the recipient of several awards, including the 2014 EEOC Chair's Bronze Medal

Award for Advancing Equality through Excellence.

Gervacio Saure said, "Eradicating unlawful discrimination in the workplace is my life's work. I am honored to continue that work in my new leadership capacity. It is my great honor to serve the communities in Hawaii and the Pacific."

The EEOC is responsible for

enforcing federal laws prohibiting employment discrimination. The EEOC's Honolulu Local Office is located at 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 7-127, Honolulu, Hawaii. For assistance, call the EEOC at 1-800-669-4000 or 1-800-669-6820 TTY. Further information about the EEOC is available on its website at [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov). (EEOC)

## Social Security launches Vision 2025, a long-range service delivery vision

Embarking on its 80th Anniversary of being a key piece of the nation's fabric, Carolyn W. Colvin, acting commissioner of Social Security, officially released *Vision 2025*. The vision will serve as a "North Star" to guide Social Security and show how the agency will accomplish and deliver three key priorities: superior customer experience, exceptional employees, and an innovative organization over the next decade and beyond.

"We must be prepared to adapt as technology and society changes at an unprecedented rate," Colvin said. "*Vision 2025* is our way of making sure we keep up with these changes, and how we position ourselves to best serve the public in the future."

When employees, customers, and partners are given the right tools to help them work better together, wonderful things happen. In shaping *Vision 2025*, Social Security reached out to

as many individuals and organizations as possible for input. The agency engaged in active listening and communicating with internal and external stakeholders. Internally, the agency engaged employees, labor unions, and management associations. The agency encouraged and received feedback and ideas from the

public through an online survey accessed on the agency's website, [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). The agency also worked with the National Academy of Public Administration, members of Congress, advocacy groups, and the Social Security Advisory Board. The input Social Security received resulted in "emerging themes" that led to

the development of the three key priorities.

*Vision 2025* reflects Social Security's full commitment—now and in the future—to offering customers choices in how they do business with us. This commitment includes sustaining a field office structure that provides face-to-face service and is responsive to members of the public who need or prefer face-to-face service.

"*Vision 2025* represents the agency's commitment to con-

tinuous long-term planning. It will guide our more than 65,000 employees who continue to provide exemplary service to our customers," Colvin said. "We are proud of our longstanding commitment to customer service and continual efforts to improve efficiency. We are also excited about our vision for serving the public in the next 10 to 15 years."

For more information, you can access the Social Security *Vision 2025* interactive website here: [www.socialsecurity.gov/vision2025](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/vision2025). (SSA)



**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY**  
Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo visits Guam cadets attending the U.S. Air Force Academy. From left, cadets Robert Lizama, Hunter Stephens, Jonathan Toves, Anthony Ermitano, Trevor Moore, Bordallo, cadets Andrew Ermitano, Brian Min, Zen Calilung, Jerome Van Lancker. Not pictured is cadet Scott Min.

**HAGĀTÑA, GUAM**—Marcus Mariota has entered into a partnership with First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaii's oldest and largest bank, and will be prominently featured in the bank's "It All Starts with Yes" branding campaign, according to Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank chairman, president and CEO. First Hawaiian Bank is the first Hawaii company to sign Mariota.

"Marcus Mariota is a gifted athlete and is someone who embodies the same core values of integrity, teamwork and community service that are part of our First Hawaiian Bank culture," said Harrison. "He's a terrific role model and his pursuit of his dream of playing professional football is inspirational for us all. He is a wonderful example of what the power of 'Yes' can do in transforming lives."

"As a customer of First Hawaiian Bank, I appreciate that the bank has always been very supportive of our island community—both through their employee volunteerism and be-

ing a top contributor to charities," said Mariota, a Heisman Trophy winner. "The 'It All Starts with Yes' campaign is something I believe in. Once you say 'Yes' to pursuing your dream, you need to trust the process and battle through any adversity. You also need to believe that things will all work out in the end. Through this partnership with First Hawaiian Bank, I want to help inspire others to dream big and strive for greatness."

In 2014, the bank launched its "Be the One" branding campaign with the slogan "It All Starts with Yes" which encourages people to be courageous, to take on their dreams, and to persevere through life's challenges. The partnership with Mariota is an extension of this branding concept using real customers as inspirational success stories. Since 1969, First Hawaiian Bank has been known as the bank that says "Yes." Yes is more than just

Founded in 1858, First Hawaiian Bank ([www.FHB.com](http://www.FHB.com)) is Hawaii's oldest and largest bank with \$18.7 billion in assets and has been serving the people of Hawaii for over 156 years and 45 years in Micronesia. The bank operates 57 branches in Hawaii, three on Guam and two in the CNMI. (FHB)

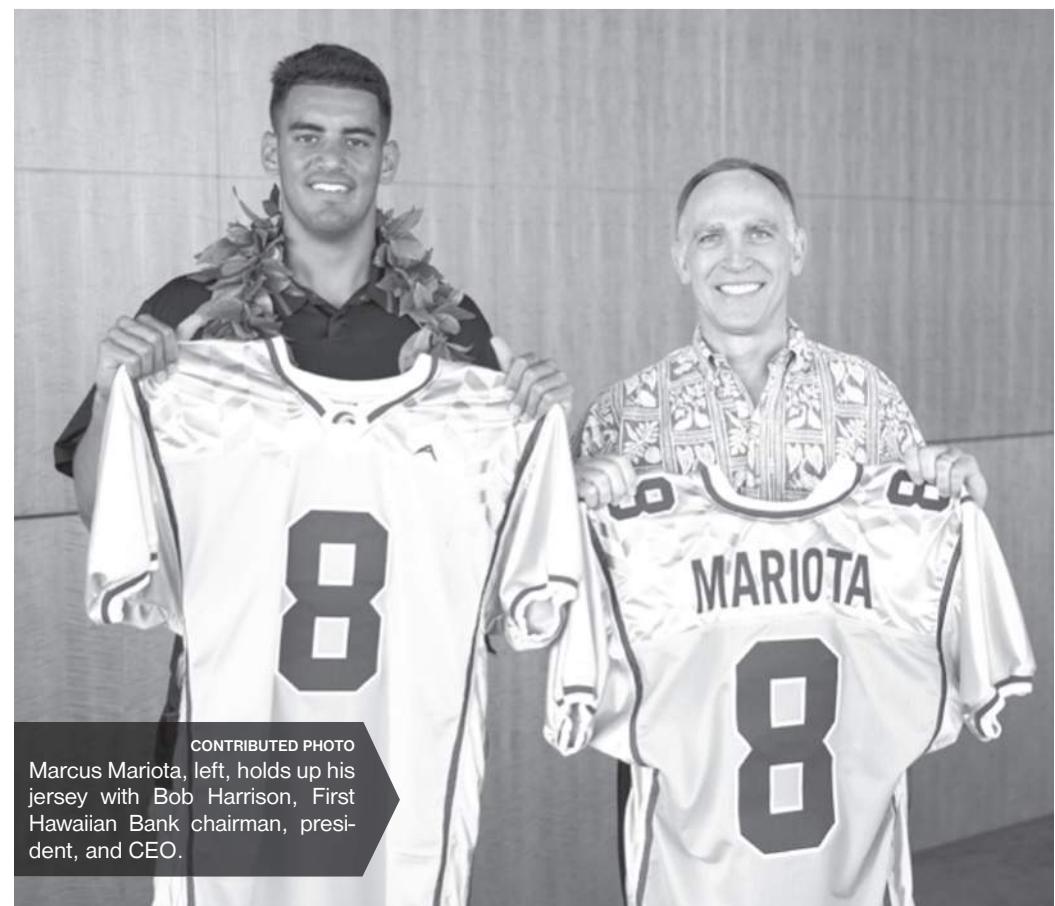
## Bordallo visits Guam cadets at Air Force Academy

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo recently visited cadets from Guam who are currently training at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Ten cadets from Guam—Zen Calilung, Robert Lizama, Trever Moore, Jerome Van Lancker, Andrew Ermitano, Anthony Ermitano, Brian Min, Hunter Stephens, Scott Min, and Jonathan Toves—are currently attending the Air Force Academy in preparation for their service in the United States Air Force. Bordallo also met with Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson, Superintendent of

the Air Force Academy, prior to joining Guam's cadets for lunch.

"I am very proud of our Guam cadets training at the U.S. Air Force Academy," said Bordallo. "These young men are working hard for their commissioning as officers in the U.S. Air Force and they are all doing very well. The Air Force Academy provides an exceptional college education that prepares young men and women from across the country for military service. I look forward to seeing our dedicated cadets serve our nation in the future as Air Force officers." (PR)

## Marcus Mariota says 'yes' to First Hawaiian Bank



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Marcus Mariota, left, holds up his jersey with Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank chairman, president, and CEO.

# Business

## Cable, pay-per-view problems leave viewers fighting mad

**NEW YORK** (AP)—For some boxing fans, the big fight Saturday night turned out to be between them and their cable companies.

Strong pay-per-view demand for the Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao fight in Las Vegas caused problems for cable and satellite systems, especially when people tried to order at the last second, which delayed the start of the fight. It's another sting to the reputation of

an industry that's already beset with criticism over poor service and competition from streaming video providers.

Still other boxing fans circumvented cable companies entirely, watching the fight live video-streaming apps such as Meerkat and Twitter's Periscope, which let users broadcast video directly to the Internet from their smartphones.

Some who used this work-



AP

Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, connects with a right to the head of Manny Pacquiao, from the Philippines, during their welterweight title fight on Saturday, May 2, 2015 in Las Vegas.

## Address potential hire's attire choices right away

### YOUR OFFICE COACH

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE

Tribune News Service



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**Q:** The leading candidate for our executive secretary position wore an extremely low-cut top with overflowing cleavage to her second interview. Although she seems well-qualified, I am concerned about her choice of clothing. This is a reputable law firm with many conservative business clients, so revealing attire is not appropriate. How should I handle this?

**A:** Wearing a suggestive outfit to a job interview could signify poor judgment, so your concerns are certainly valid. Even if this woman has outstanding clerical skills, her ability to assess social situations might be questionable. Before bringing her on board, therefore, you should carefully evaluate that aspect of her employment history.

If you determine that her lack of common sense is limited to fashion issues, then you can address this topic after she is hired. But do not drop subtle hints or offer vague suggestions. To nip this problem in the bud, you will have to provide very clear direction.

For example: "Mary, before you start work, we need to talk about appropriate attire. Presenting a professional image is very important in a law firm, so low-cut tops and extremely short skirts are not suitable. For example, the shirt that you wore to your second interview would be too revealing. If you have questions about this, feel free to ask, and if I have any concerns, I promise to let you know."

Should you be tempted to put off this uncomfortable discussion, remember that if your new secretary comes in dressed inappropriately again, that conversation will be much worse.

**Q: One of my co-workers refuses to open up with me. "Ginger" doesn't share any personal information, so our discussions are always about work. Although she will answer my questions, she never initiates any small talk. When I pass Ginger in the hall, she often walks by without even exchanging a greeting.**

**Since I haven't done anything bad to her, I don't understand why Ginger refuses to get close to me. I have actually started avoiding her because she makes me feel as though I don't exist. How can I work with someone who doesn't want to know anything about me?**

**A:** You are obviously a nice person who enjoys feeling close to your colleagues and sharing your life with them. However, the problem is that Ginger is not like you. At work, she apparently has little interest developing friendships or having personal conversations. She simply wants to focus on her tasks.

From your perspective, Ginger is coldly rejecting your friendly overtures. But to her, your ongoing attempts to "get close" may seem pushy and intrusive. And you might be surprised to learn that Ginger is not alone. There are actually many people who prefer not to socialize at work.

Fortunately, this problem has a simple solution. Just accept Ginger as she is, and stop trying to change her. Continue to be pleasant and helpful, but focus your conversation on work issues. And when you feel like chatting, seek out some gregarious colleagues who are more like yourself.

around had tried to buy the fight and failed. Others just didn't want to pay to watch, bragging on Twitter how they saved the \$100 fee.

Some went as far as calling it the future and knock-out victory for social media, although there are no concrete numbers at this time of how many people watched via Meerkat or Periscope.

The bout was expected to be the most popular in pay-per-view history, with an estimated 3 million households buying the

fight at nearly \$100 each.

The next round may be between fight promoters and the streaming services. CBS, parent company of Showtime, which helped present the fight, declined to comment about viewers watching via the apps.

But last week, CBS and Time Warner's HBO took two websites to federal court—BoxingHD.net and SportShip.org—successfully blocking them from airing the fight. HBO has also previously

criticized Periscope for allowing people to live-stream the premiere of "Game of Thrones" last month, a move it called "mass copyright infringement."

Scores of angry tweets directed at various providers complained of problems with both ordering and watching. Some users said when they tried to order, the fight wasn't available. Others complained of picture problems or an inability to tune to the pay-per-view channel.

The night ended in disappointment for DJ Price, of Greenville, South Carolina. He went to a friend's house to watch the fight. There was beer, chicken wings, chips and guacamole. There just wasn't a fight.

Just before 9 p.m., as the pre-fight show was to start, the TV screen turned blue, Price said, with everybody staring at the "please wait" message. Price's friend spent 45 minutes on the phone with the cable company.

## In Congress, income inequality comes with breakfast, lunch

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Income inequality is more than a political sound bite to workers in the Capitol. It's their life.

Many of the Capitol's food servers, who make the meals, bus the tables and run the cash registers in the restaurants and carryouts that serve lawmakers, earn less than \$11 an hour. Some make nothing at all when Congress is in recess.

Members of the House and Senate collect their \$174,000 annual salaries whether Congress is making laws, taking a break or causing a partial government shutdown.

"This is the most important building in the world," said Sontia Bailey, who works the cash register and stocks the shelves at the "Refectory" takeout on the Capitol's Senate side. "You'd think our wages would be better."

Bailey, 34, makes \$10.33 an hour, a hair above the \$10.10 hourly minimum for federal contractors. She had to move from her apartment to a rented room when the 2013 temporary

government shutdown interrupted her income, she said.

KFC pays her better. Bailey works weekends and two evenings a week there, making \$12 an hour.

In the Capitol food service world, she said, "everybody has second jobs."

Down an ornate hallway is 21-year-old Abraham Tesfahun. He serves lunch in the Senate members' dining room and

handles the afternoon cash register in the busy Senate takeout, one floor below. Tesfahun said his hourly pay is \$10.30. But he receives an additional \$3 an hour in cash, which otherwise would go toward health insurance. He is covered by his mother's insurance policy under President Barack Obama's health care law.

That doesn't mean Tesfahun, who emigrated from Ethiopia as a teenager, is tight with his mom.

"She kind of kicked me out of the house," he said sheepishly, when he quit community college after one year to work seven days a week. Now, he said, he rents a basement room and works full time in the Capitol. On Saturdays and Sundays, he works at a Dunkin' Donuts, for \$8 an hour. That's above the federal minimum wage of \$7.25, although some states have higher minimums.

## McDonald's to detail latest turnaround plans

**NEW YORK** (AP)—McDonald's is set to unveil its latest plans to revive its sputtering business on Monday.

The plans are to be detailed just two months after CEO Steve Easterbrook stepped in to take charge of the world's biggest hamburger chain.

McDonald's is fighting intensifying competition from a variety of players and has admitted that it failed to keep up with changing tastes. In its flagship U.S. market, executives said the menu got too

complicated and gummed up operations. Customer visits at established locations declined for two straight years.

Already, McDonald's has tried a number of moves to inject some life back into its brand.

Back in December, it said it would start trimming its menu to simplify operations and make room for new offerings. The nips and tucks in the past couple months targeted minor sandwich variations. More recently, the company revamped its grilled chicken recipe and said it would

curb the use of antibiotics.

The company also said last month that it would double its planned restaurant closures this year to roughly 700. It hasn't yet revealed its updated plans on overall restaurant count growth. At the end of last year, McDonald's Corp. had more than 36,200 locations around the world.

Easterbrook, who previously headed up the U.K. business, says he wants to turn McDonald's into a "modern, progressive burger company."

# Nation

## City: 2 gunmen killed outside Muhammad cartoon contest

**GARLAND, Texas** (AP)—Two gunmen were killed Sunday after opening fire on a security officer outside a provocative contest for cartoon depictions of Prophet Muhammad in Texas and a bomb squad was called in to search their vehicle as a precaution, authorities said.

The men drove up to the Curtis Culwell Center in the Dallas suburb of Garland as the contest was scheduled to end and began shooting at a security officer, the City of Garland said in a statement. Garland police officers returned fire, killing the men.

"Because of the situation of what was going on today and the history of what we've been told has happened at other events like this, we are considering their car (is) possibly containing a bomb," Officer Joe Harn, a spokesman for the Garland Police Department, said at a news conference.

Police are not aware of any ongoing threat and had not received any credible threats before the event, Harn said.

Harn said it was not immediately clear whether the shooting was connected to the event inside, a contest hosted by the New York-based American Freedom Defense Initiative that would award \$10,000 for the best cartoon depicting the Prophet Muhammad.

Such drawings are deemed insulting to many followers of Islam and have sparked violence around the world. According to mainstream Islamic tradition, any physical depiction of



People are sequestered by members of the Garland Police Department inside the Curtis Culwell Center, Sunday, May 3, 2015, in Garland, Texas. AP

the Prophet Muhammad—even a respectful one—is considered blasphemous.

The Curtis Culwell Center, a school-district owned public events space, was evacuated earlier Sunday, as were some surrounding businesses. Police

blocked off a large area around the center Sunday night. There was a heavy police presence, and police helicopters circled overhead as bomb squads worked on the car.

Authorities haven't removed the bodies of the gunmen, who

have not yet been identified, Harn said. The bodies are too close to the car to be removed, but that will happen once the scene is clear, he said.

The security officer who was shot worked for the Garland Independent School District, Harn

the new black."

The Rev. Lisa Weah, pastor of the New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Gray's neighborhood, said the message of equal justice for all must not be lost. "Our prayer is that Baltimore will be the model for the rest of the nation," she said.

After nightfall Sunday, the large intersection of west Baltimore that was focal point of tense, nightly standoffs between police and protesters was relatively quiet. There was no obvious police activity and no one demonstrating despite the presence of media at the site on the first night without a curfew since the violence.

Police said Sunday that 486 people had been arrested since April 23, and that 113 officers had been injured at riots and protests. The extent of the officers' injuries was unclear. Earlier in the week, police had said that out of nearly 100 injured officers, 13 were hurt to the extent that they couldn't work, and 15 were on desk duty.

## Baltimore mayor lifts curfew 6 days after riots

**BALTIMORE** (AP)—Six days after riots sparked by Freddie Gray's death, Baltimore's mayor lifted a citywide curfew Sunday and faith leaders called for continued activism until justice is achieved.

A jubilant crowd of several hundred prayed and sang civil-rights anthems at a City Hall rally. Sunday's peaceful gathering came two days after the city's top prosecutor announced criminal charges against six officers involved in Gray's arrest.

## State police won't release dashcam video of officer shooting

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** (AP)—When a white police officer in South Carolina chased a black man nine miles by car, then shot him to death in his driveway last year, the shooting apparently was captured on the officer's dashboard camera—a video that state police have steadfastly refused to release.

North Augusta officer Justin Craven tried to pull 68-year-old Ernest Satterwhite over for drunken driving, then followed him with blue lights to his home after Satterwhite re-

fused to stop in February 2014, authorities said. When Satterwhite stopped in his driveway, Craven ran up to his car and fired several shots through the closed door, telling deputies later that Satterwhite tried to grab his gun, according to a report from Edgefield County deputies who joined the chase after it crossed the county line.

Now Craven faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of misconduct in office and discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle. A pros-

eutor sought to indict him for voluntary manslaughter which carries guaranteed prison time and a maximum sentence of 30 years, but a grand jury refused.

Craven's dashcam video has been shown to a few people outside of law enforcement. Several who saw it say it's horrible and offensive, and Satterwhite had no time to respond to Craven. They won't speak on the record because they have been threatened with legal action since the video hasn't been

SLED says its reasoning is simple. Unlike the North Augusta case, the North Charleston shooting happened away from the dashcam video.

said. He was treated at a local hospital for injuries and had been released Sunday night.

"Texas officials are actively investigating to determine the cause and scope of the senseless attack," Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement issued late Sunday.

The event featured speeches by Pamela Geller, president of the AFDI, and Geert Wilders, a Dutch lawmaker known for his outspoken criticism of Islam. Wilders received several standing ovations as he quoted former President Ronald Reagan and Texas founding father Sam Houston.

"Muhammad fought and terrorized people with the swords. Today, here in Garland, we fight Muhammad and his followers with the pen. And the pen, the drawings, will prove mightier than the sword," Wilders said during his speech.

Geller said during the event that her group had spent thousands of dollars on private security guards, several of whom could be seen standing on stage. Wilders left immediately after his speech, and Geller was not seen by an Associated Press reporter inside the hall after the shooting.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### NYPD officer 'fighting for his life'; suspect denied bail

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A man who officials say boasted of being a street "hellraiser" and who served prison time for attempted murder was arraigned on charges that he shot a New York City police officer in the head. Officer Brian Moore "is fighting for his life," Queens District Attorney Richard Brown told The Associated Press after spending many hours with the comatose 25-year-old officer. Moore remained hospitalized in critical but stable condition after hours of surgery for what court papers described as "severe injuries to his skull and brain." His family members "stand in silence with tears in their eyes, not knowing what the outcome for Brian will be," said Patrick Lynch, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

#### Woman, toddler killed when car hits apartment complex

**LIVERMORE, Calif.** (AP)—A car driven by a suspected drunken driver crashed into a Northern California apartment complex, killing a woman and her toddler and slightly injuring two other children as they all walked together outside, police said Sunday. The crash occurred Saturday evening in Livermore, when a driver lost control near a curve and smashed into the apartment complex. The vehicle struck a 40-year-old woman walking with three children on a path at the complex, Livermore Police Officer Ryan Sanchez said. The woman and her 14-month-old daughter were killed. Two other family members, 6- and 7-year-old boys, were treated for minor injuries. Police said the woman, from Seaside in Monterey County, was visiting relatives at the complex. Police initially said the car struck victims in a backyard at the complex.

#### Father wants to withdraw guilty plea for girl's rotten teeth

**EASTON, Pa.** (AP)—The Pennsylvania father who pleaded guilty after his daughter's teeth were found so rotten her life was endangered now says he didn't neglect his 6-year-old. The Morning Call newspaper in Allentown reports that Kenneth Wanamaker Jr. wants a judge to let him withdraw his guilty plea. Wanamaker says Saturday that he never endangered his daughter's life. The 37-year-old pleaded guilty last month to reckless endangerment and false swearing. He's been in jail since having his bail revoked in December for failing to enroll in drug treatment. Authorities allege he allowed his daughter's teeth to become so infected her life was at risk. He says in a filing April 22 that he didn't understand the charges. Authorities are still investigating the pneumonia death of Wanamaker's 7-month-old son in 2011.

# Asia

## Nepal's wrenching choices: 'I feel like I could die anytime'

**KATHMANDU, Nepal** (AP)—Four days after the earthquake ripped apart the supporting wall attaching her ancient brick house to the tilting seven-story building next door, Parbati Gautam moved back in.

As the aftershocks keep coming, she can't stop thinking about the wretched state of the four-story structure where she and her husband operate a narrow, soot-streaked bakery on the first floor—and the closet-sized room behind that where they sleep with their two little girls.

The building was so rattled by the huge April 25 quake that fist-sized cracks spread like webs across the walls and ceilings, connecting in places like small river deltas seen from the air. And then there's the giant peach-colored building that looms unsteadily over her home and workplace.

"I feel like I could die anytime. But I have to work, and I have no other place to go," she says as her husband cooks small pastries behind her on a gas stove. Before moving back, they slept under the open skies, without a tent or tarp, until her fear that thieves would steal her baking equipment, and the need to make money, drove them back home. "I worry about the children, but what other choice do we have?"

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In the shattered neighborhoods of Kathmandu, down buckled, potholed dirt roads, similar stories emerge.

Although fear has driven many survivors to relatives' homes in the countryside, and some still live outside in

### Taiwan party leader affirms eventual reunion with China

**BEIJING** (AP)—The head of Taiwan's Nationalists reaffirmed the party's support for eventual reunification with the mainland when he met Monday with Chinese President Xi Jinping as part of continuing rapprochement between the former bitter enemies.

Nationalist Party Chairman Eric Chu, a likely presidential candidate next year, also affirmed Taiwan's desire to join the proposed Chinese-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank during the meeting in Beijing. China claims Taiwan as its own territory and doesn't want the island to join using a name that might imply it is an independent country.

Chu's comments during his meeting with Xi were carried live on Hong Kong-based broadcaster Phoenix Television.

The Nationalists were driven to Taiwan by Mao Zedong's Communists during the Chi-



In this April 30, 2015 photo, a Nepalese woman and a child walk past damaged houses in Kathmandu, Nepal. AP

vacant lots amid pancaked homes, others have made a wrenching decision.

They have returned to buildings that the earthquake rocked partially off their foundations, so that the backs sag dangerously below the fronts like an animal squatting on its haunches. Or to homes where the brick has crumbled. Or where the walls have split, the facades droop and the balconies slant toward the ground below.

Experts have warned that many of the city's buildings may have been "softened up" by the magnitude-7.8 quake, and a big aftershock, coming

closer to the densely packed capital than the earthquake did, could be devastating. The U.N. humanitarian chief said on a visit last week that the most urgent need is shelter. She called for an assessment of buildings to see which ones are too dangerous to live in.

Information Minister Minendra Rijal said the major rescue work in Kathmandu and surrounding areas have been completed and that the remaining operations can be handled by local workers. However, work remained in the villages and remote mountain areas and foreign aid volunteers could work with local police and army rescuers in those areas, he said.

Since the April 25 earthquake, 4,050 rescue work-

But many of the citizens of Kathmandu can't afford to wait.

None of those interviewed on a recent visit to some of the hardest hit neighborhoods had any long-term plans for rebuilding or strengthening their homes. None had seen a government inspector or

structural engineer.

When pressed about why they've returned, they shrug and offer up a variation of the same question: "What else could I do?"

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In the same building where Gautam's family lives, Pushpa

Man Shrestha can relax a little during the day, when other people are around. But at night, when it's just him, he's too scared to sleep. He leaves the door open so he can flee quickly if an aftershock brings the building down.

Bricks are exposed under the shattered, green-painted plaster. Dust swirls in sunlight that filters in between the large cracks where the house has been ripped from the big building next door.

"If a big enough earthquake comes, this house might fall on me," Shrestha, 53, says. "I'm very frightened, but what can I do? I have to protect the possessions here. There are thieves everywhere."

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On the roof of Khim Bahadur's stately four-story home, the concrete slab platform that once held his water tank has been knocked over and cracked; it juts into the air at an angle and seems ready to fall to the street below. There are cracks on each floor, and along the foundation.

"I still don't know if it's dangerous or not," says Bahadur, 40, who works in construction. "I'm maybe 70 percent confident, and 30 percent worried. No one around here knows if their homes are OK. That's the most worrying thing."

### SIDE BAR

#### Nepal urges foreign rescue workers in capital to return home

**KATHMANDU, Nepal** (AP)—Nepal's government urged foreign rescue workers in the quake-hit capital to return home Monday as hundreds of people visited Buddhist shrines and monasteries to mark the birthday of Gautam Buddha.

Information Minister Minendra Rijal said the major rescue

ers from 34 different nations have flown to Nepal to help in rescue operations, provide emergency medical care and distribute food and other necessities. The death toll from the quake, Nepal's worst in more than 80 years, reached 7,276, police said.

At the Swayambhunath shrine, located atop a hill overlooking Kathmandu, hundreds of people chanted prayers as they walked around the hill where the white iconic stupa with its gazing eyes are located.

Some of the structures around the stupa, built in the 5th century, were damaged in the April 25 magnitude 7.8 quake. Police blocked off the steep steps to the top of the shrine,

also called "Monkey temple" because of the many monkeys who live on its slopes.

"I am praying for peace for the thousands of people who were killed," said Santa Lama, a 60-year-old woman. "I hope there will be peace and calm in the country once again and the worst is over."

Authorities had to temporarily close Kathmandu's main airport to large aircraft delivering aid due to runaway damage on Sunday, but U.N. officials said the overall logistics situation was improving.

The airport was built to handle only medium-size jetliners, but not the large military and cargo planes that have been flying in aid

supplies, food, medicines, and rescue and humanitarian workers, said Birendra Shrestha, the manager of Tribhuvan International Airport.

There have been reports of cracks on the runway and other problems at the only airport capable of handling jetliners.

"You've got one runway, and you've got limited handling facilities, and you've got the ongoing commercial flights," said Jamie McGoldrick, the U.N. coordinator for Nepal. "You put on top of that massive relief items coming in, the search and rescue teams that have clogged up this airport. And I think once they put better systems in place, I think that will get better."

### PH military chief confirms wanted militant killed

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Philippine military chief confirmed Monday that wanted Filipino bomb-maker Abdul Basit Usman, who has links to the Indonesian-based Jemaah Islamiyah terrorist network and is a suspect in deadly bomb attacks in the south, has been killed.

Washington has offered a \$1 million award for Usman's capture and prosecution.

Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang said that infighting among Usman's bodyguards led to a firefight Sunday in southern Maguindanao province, near a designated safe area for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the largest Muslim rebel group that signed a peace deal with the government last year.

He said Usman and five others were killed in a shootout allegedly with fellow mem-

bers of his group.

But circumstances of Usman's death were still unclear, and Catapang said the military was investigating if he was already dead when Muslim rebels arrived to check the firefight. "What we are confirming is Basit Usman is dead," he told reporters, saying the military has physical evidence, including people who saw Usman's body being

buried. A tussle for the bounty may have fueled the infighting, Catapang said, adding that Usman has become distrustful of his men after a series of clashes with the military.

Usman escaped a police commando operation in January that killed one of Southeast Asia's most-wanted terror suspects, Malaysian Zulkifli bin Hir or Marwan, also in Maguindanao.

# World

## Should Britain stay in the EU? Question hovers in election

**LONDON** (AP)—Ian Robinson, co-owner of a small investment firm in London, is watching Britain's general election this Thursday with unease.

A victory for Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative Party could bring Britain a step closer to leaving the 28-nation European Union, a move many companies fear would cause damage by increasing costs of doing business on the continent and eroding London's role as a global financial hub.

Robinson says leaving the EU would make even the most basic things more difficult for businesses in Britain, forcing him to apply for licenses in each country where he operates rather than getting a single permit from British regulators.

"Leaving the EU would be a disaster," he said in the offices of Kinson Capital Ltd., which manages assets and provides advisory services for banks and hedge funds. "Financial services and a lot of businesses work on an EU passport."

Cameron promised to hold a referendum on EU membership in 2017 as he sought to blunt the rise of the U.K. Independence Party, which says Britain should

leave the bloc so it can stem the tide of immigrants from Europe and return all decision-making back to London from EU headquarters in Brussels. While the British campaign has focused mostly on issues like the economy and health care, uncertainty over Britain's possible exit—informally called "Brexit"—may curtail investment and rattle financial markets until the issue is resolved.

"Brexit is probably the biggest single source of uncertainty right now for U.K. investors," Daniel Vernazza, an economist at UniCredit Bank, said in an email. "The Conservatives have pledged an in-out referendum by the end of 2017, so it could be a multi-year period of uncertainty."

Only last month, HSBC, one of the world's biggest banks, said it was considering moving its headquarters out of the U.K., partly because of the EU debate.

Britain joined the EU in 1973, bringing the bloc to nine members. Today the EU is made up of 28 countries, and with more than 500 million people is the world's largest economic bloc.

Historically, Britons have mostly wanted to remain in

### Parliamentary elections in the U.K.

*Voters in the United Kingdom will head to the polls on May 5 to elect representatives to the House of Commons. The House of Commons is dissolved 25 business days before each election, which is usually held every five years.*

#### House of Lords

**790**  
seats

Members of the House of Lords are appointed by the monarch on the advice of the prime minister. 26 bishops and archbishops of the Church of England also sit in the House of Lords.

#### Party makeup of the current House of Lords

Bishops	26
Conservative	224
Crossbench	178
Labour	215
Liberal Democrat	102
Non-affiliated	18
Other	15

#### House of Commons

**650**  
seats

The public elects representatives to the House of Commons. A speaker is elected by the members of the house, who must resign from his party upon election in order to be impartial.

#### Party makeup of the previous House of Commons

Conservative	302
Labour	256
Liberal Democrat	56
Other	36

#### Prime minister

The chief executive of the U.K.'s government is not directly elected. The monarch appoints a prime minister who can work with the newly elected parliament. This is usually done by appointing the leader of the majority party in the House of Commons.

Source: Parliament, The British Monarchy

Graphic: Tribune News Service

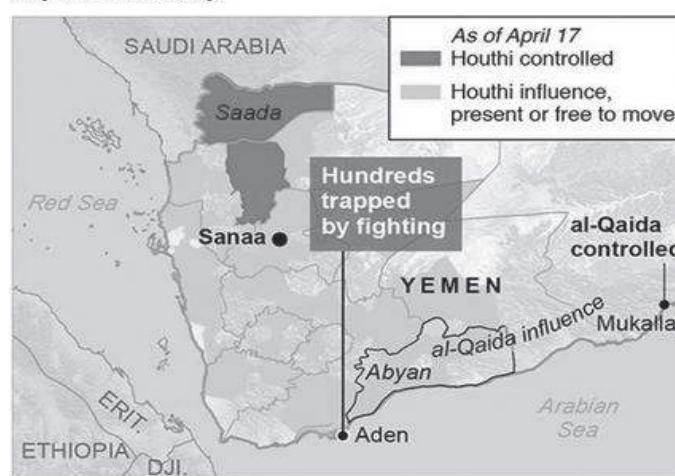
the EU. A poll conducted by Ipsos MORI in October found that 56 percent of respondents

said they'd vote to stay in a referendum, while 36 percent would vote to leave. About

## Arab coalition 'reconnaissance' troops land in Yemen

### Airstrikes hit Sanaa, Abyan

The Saudi-led air campaign struck a square near the Presidential Palace in Sanaa and the southern province of Abyan on Saturday.



SOURCES: American Enterprise Institute; maps4news/HERE AP

ficials said the coalition troops would help train forces loyal to the country's internationally recognized leader, President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who has been in exile since he fled Aden in March. They would also try to identify an area that could serve as a "green zone" from which Hadi and his government could operate when they return to Yemen.

At the top of that list, said the officials, is the al-Bureqah area west of Aden, which stretches for about 15 kilometers (about 10 miles) along the coast and is home to a major oil refinery and large fuel tanks.

The Western-backed Hadi fled to neighboring Saudi Arabia in March, just a few weeks after he fled the capital, Sanaa, which was captured by the rebels, known as Houthis, in September.

of the Saudi-led coalition.

The objective of Sunday's landing was not immediately clear, but Yemeni military of-

fensive in Yemen, acknowledged for the first time that it has deployed troops in the Gulf region and the Red Sea as part

of the Saudi-led coalition.

In Cairo, meanwhile, Egypt, a key coalition member that has been named as a likely participant in any ground op-

## With rescue near, Boko Haram stoned Nigerian girls to death

**YOLA, Nigeria** (AP)—Even with the crackle of gunfire signaling rescuers were near, the horrors did not end: Boko Haram fighters stoned captives to death, some girls and women were crushed by an armored car and three died when a land mine exploded as they walked to freedom.

Through tears, smiles and eyes filled with pain, the survivors of months in the hands of the Islamic extremists told

their tragic stories to The Associated Press on Sunday, their first day out of the war zone.

"We just have to give praise to God that we are alive, those of us who have survived," said 27-year-old Lami Musa as she cradled her 5-day-old baby girl.

She was among 275 girls, women and their young children, many bewildered and traumatized, who were getting medical care and being regis-

Musa was in the first group of rescued women and girls to be transported by road over three days to the safety of the Malkohi refugee camp, a dust-blown deserted school set among baobab trees opposite a military barracks on the outskirts of Yola, the capital of northeastern Adamawa state.

Last week's rescue saved her from a forced marriage to one of the killers of her husband, she said.

1,000 adults were interviewed by phone Oct. 11-14. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

But while the U.K.'s EU membership comes with advantages—like unfettered access to a 13.9 trillion euro (\$15.5 trillion) market—it also comes with conditions that many in Britain are now finding onerous.

Of particular concern is one of the EU's founding principles—that citizens of any EU country can live and work in any other member state. After the EU expanded into former communist countries of Eastern Europe in 2004, Britain saw a huge increase in migrants seeking work.

Opinion polls show that UKIP, once a fringe party, may receive more than 10 percent of the May 7 vote as a result of its focus on immigration and the EU. In an election in which Britain's traditional two-party system has broken down, those votes may cost Cameron his job.

Former Labour Prime Minister Tony Blair made a rare return foray into electoral politics

recently to criticize Cameron for pandering to xenophobic voters.

"Think of the chaos produced by the possibility, never mind the reality, of Britain quitting Europe," Blair said in a speech this month. "Jobs that are secure suddenly insecure. Investment decisions postponed or cancelled. A pall of unpredictability hanging over the British economy. And for what? To satisfy the insistent Europhobia of a group who will never be satisfied."

Cameron says he wants Britain to remain in the EU, but only if the bloc is reformed. He wants to limit the free movement of labor so that migrants have the right to work outside their home countries but don't have an automatic right to claim benefits.

"What I'm doing is putting the country first and saying the people of the U.K. should be able to have a choice about whether they want to stay in Europe on a reformed basis or leave," he told the BBC. "It's an in-out referendum by the end of 2017. It's right for our country

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Italy: At least 10 migrants found dead in sea off Libya

**ROME** (AP)—Italy's Coast Guard and Navy as well as tugs and other commercial vessels joined forces to rescue migrants in at least 16 boats Sunday, saving hundreds of them and recovering 10 bodies off Libya's coast, as smugglers took advantage of calm seas to send packed vessels across the Mediterranean. The Italian Coast Guard said the bodies were found in three separate rescue operations off Libya's coast. The Coast Guard was being aided by a tug and a merchant ship in at least some of the rescue efforts. In one of those rescues, a cargo ship found three migrants dead and 105 survivors on a dinghy in the waters north of Tripoli, Libya. In yet another dramatic rescue, migrants aboard a motorized rubber dinghy that was deflating were spotted by an Italian Navy helicopter. Boats in distress were being spotted so quickly Sunday, that in one case, a Navy vessel had just finished one rescue of 90 migrants when it immediately went to the aid of another migrant boat. One rescue involved 311 people, including 16 children, saved from a fishing boat in the smugglers' fleet.

#### Israeli Ethiopian protest against racism turns violent

**TEL AVIV, Israel** (AP)—

Several thousand people from Israel's Jewish Ethiopian minority protested in Tel Aviv against racism and police brutality on Sunday, shutting down a major highway and clashing with police on horseback long into the night. The protest was mostly peaceful during the day, but by nightfall became violent with at least 20 officers hurt and "multiple protesters" arrested. Police Spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. Protesters threw rocks and bottles at officers in riot gear. Police deployed officers on horseback and used stun grenades to try and control the crowds in central Tel Aviv. Local media reported protesters tipped over a police vehicle and set fires near city hall. Channel 2 TV said the protesters came from all over the country. "I am here to fight for our rights," a woman named Batel from the northern city of Nazareth Illit told the station. "I don't want to be beaten by police," said the 21-year-old, who didn't give her last name. "My parents didn't immigrate here for nothing. I want equality." Simmering frustrations among Israel's Ethiopian community boiled over when footage emerged of an Ethiopian Israeli in an army uniform being beaten by police last week. Thousands of Ethiopian Jews live in Israel, many of them secretly airlifted into the country in 1984 and 1990, but their absorption into Israeli society has been difficult.

# Overdrive

By CHARLES FLEMING  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

In 1940 the U.S. government asked America's car companies to design a general purpose vehicle for World War II combat support—and the Jeep was born.

Seventy-five years later, the storied military machine has finally become a true general purpose vehicle, used for off-roading, canyon climbing and getting to yoga class.

Especially getting to yoga class. Parent company Fiat Chrysler Automobiles sold almost 700,000 Jeeps last year. More than 350,000 of them were the city-friendly Cherokees or Grand Cherokees. Only 175,000 were rugged Wranglers.

The company is on a roll. Jeep sold 71,584 vehicles in March, 25 percent more than in March 2014. In the first quarter this year, sales were up 22 percent from the first three months of last year.

With the 2015 Renegade Trailhawk, it may be poised to sell even more. Smaller, lighter and more affordable than the Cherokee, this is the first Jeep to emerge from Fiat Chrysler's Melfi, Italy, factory—where the company is also turning out the Fiat 500X, using the same platform.

The Renegade enters a field dominated by the Kia Soul and the Buick Encore but will also compete for buyers with the Fiat 500L, Nissan Juke, Mini Cooper Countryman, Scion XB and the coming Honda HR-V and

# New Jeep is nimble, fun to drive



LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS  
The Jeep Renegade Trailhawk is a very capable off-road vehicle. The MSRP starts at \$25,595.



## Mazda CX-3.

The increasingly crowded small sport utility vehicle market is poised to explode, auto analysts say, and with reason. The sporty, inexpensive vehicles sit high, are easy to drive, and offer a quirky alternative to the blandness of an Accord or Camry.

The Jeep, by most accounts

the original SUV, has more off-road cred than most of its competitors.

The Renegade is slightly comical in appearance, as if it had been co-designed by Roger Rabbit. (Check out the X in the taillights. In cartoon terms, that's called a "Booze X," and on a character's eyeballs it's

used to connote drunkenness.)

Though an entry-level Renegade is available in a front-wheel-drive format, most models in this line are 4-by-4s, rigged and ready for off-highway action.

The Trailhawk is adorned with a special "Trail Rated" badge and is outfitted with

## NUTS & BOLTS

### 2015 Jeep Renegade Trailhawk 4-BY-4

- Our take: A sporty take on the venerable military vehicle
- Highs: More capable off-road than it looks
- Lows: Suspension too stiff for city slickers, boxy build noisy on highways
- Vehicle type: Compact sport utility vehicle

- Base price: \$26,990
- Price as tested: \$29,555
- Powertrain: 2.4-liter multi-air four-cylinder engine, available AWD
- Transmission: Nine-speed automatic
- Horsepower: 180
- Torque: 175 pound-feet
- Zero to 60 mph: Not available
- EPA fuel economy rating: 29 highway/21 city / 24 average

## UNDER THE HOOD

# Otherwise healthy car struggles up long grades

By BRAD BERGHOLDT  
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**Q: I have a 1996 Oldsmobile Ciera with a 3.1-liter engine. Its odometer reading is around 175,000 miles. It struggles while going up a long grade and I sometimes hear pinging noise. The car's pickup and acceleration are quite good on highways. Replacing the fuel filter has not helped. The car does not use up much engine oil. What else needs to be replaced?—Mani Ayyar**

**A:** This is a tough one without assessing the car in person. Since the Ciera seems to run well at other times I'll steer toward some high-load gremlins. Perhaps you have a weak fuel pump or clogged pump strainer, an air box/air filter obstruction, a moderate exhaust restriction, or possibly the transmission's torque converter clutch may not be releasing as it should. The fuel filter would have made this list also. Replacing it was a good idea. The

pinging noise is pre-ignition, and may be caused by one of the items above.

Let's start with the fuel and intake systems. If you have access to an on-board diagnostics generic scan tool, observing the long- and short-term "fuel trim" as the symptom occurs can provide useful information. Fuel trim is the amount of correction needed to the fuel injector commands in order to keep the exhaust oxygen sensor happy. An ideal reading would be approximately 0 percent, plus or minus 5 percent. If the fuel system were delivering insufficient fuel the resulting correction and reading shown would be a positive percentage, perhaps 15 or 20 percent (fuel added to the base calculations). An air box/air filter obstruction would result in a negative percentage, possibly -15 or -20 percent (fuel is subtracted from what the engineers thought it should be). If the powertrain control module has learned the symptom, you'll see this pri-

marily in the long term trim, a first time or intermittent occurrence shows up more in the short term trim. If the fault is severe enough, a diagnostic code is set and the check engine light should illuminate. Checking fuel pressure as the symptom occurs might be next, along with a visual check of the air box and air filter.

Partial clogging of the catalytic converter, muffler, or a pinched tailpipe can cause symptoms such as yours and possibly not trigger a code and light. An exhaust pressure test is the best way to find a small to medium restriction. This involves temporarily connecting a 0-10 psi gauge to the oxygen sensor bung and observing readings under all operating conditions. Exhaust pressure above 2 pounds needs to be investigated.

An intermittently sticking torque converter clutch solenoid may be robbing the car of power by not allowing torque multiplication to occur when you need it most. This matches your symp-

toms but would also cause the engine to stall out when coming to a stop if was still sticking at that time. Does your long grade climbing occur only after a good while of driving (parts are hot), and no immediate stops after?

A way to observe proper operation is to drive under light load at highway speed (in your case ease back on the throttle during a mild grade section) and do the following: keep your right foot steady on the gas, maintaining speed, ever so gently apply the brake pedal with your left foot, listening/observing to see if a 300 rpm increase in engine speed occurs. If the change occurs, the torque converter clutch was engaged, and released as it should. If no change occurs, it's either continuously engaged (stuck on) or wasn't engaged in the first place.

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When I hit the dirt, I confess I was impressed by the Trailhawk's capabilities. It's no canyon climber, but the little SUV performed admirably on a few dozen unpaved miles, easily cresting the hills to reach some backcountry vista points that would be off-limits to regular cars.

Price may be an issue for some buyers. Although entry-level Renegades can be had for as little as \$18,990, the Trailhawks start at \$26,990. (The one I drove would go for \$29,555.) The Kia Soul and

Nissan Juke cost less.

Trailhawk buyers won't be saving on gas either. The two-wheel-drive Renegade gets 22 miles per gallon in the city and 31 on the highway. The 4-by-4s get 21 in the city and 29 on the open road.

The Soul and the Juke do better than that, and Honda's new HR-V claims 28 in the city and 35 on the highway.

Who'll buy the Trailhawk? Maybe the Renegade's exterior trim offers an answer. It's the only Jeep you can order with factory-installed, university-themed decals, each little Trailhawk bearing its very own USC Trojan or Florida Gator emblem on the driver's side door.

I had initially dismissed the Trailhawk as a poser, too dainty for the dirt and not rugged enough to haul anything heavier than a double venti minty soy latte.

But the longer I drove it, the more I liked it. After a couple of hours off-road, I was ready to forgive its limitations and forget the Roger Rabbit-inspired design. Next stop, Toon Town.

# Life & Style

## New site, app, links celebrities, charities and donors

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Chatting on the red carpet with Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence; recording a country song with Clint Black; working a relief mission with Patricia Arquette; receiving a serenade from Michael Bolton on a Caribbean island. These are just some of the WOW! moments possible for everyday donors through a new online charity service that combines star power with digital marketing savvy to contribute millions to celebrity causes worldwide.

Its name is Chideo—a mash-up of the words charity and video—and it's already enlisted more than 100 VIP participants, ranging from YouTubers and sports figures to Academy Award winners like Arquette, who gave a shoutout to the ef-

fort at this year's Oscars. The aim is to move charitable fundraising away from direct mail pleas, teary telethons and heart-tugging commercials and into the digital age of short, entertaining videos, online fan contests and donations sent from web browsers and smartphones. In the near future, Chideo's content will appear on newscasts of Sinclair Broadcast Group's 162 television stations.

Chideo is part of founder Todd Wagner's plan to build a network not unlike the ones that have made him one of the country's richest men, except that this one would be devoted to causes.

"If you can have a Military Channel and a History Channel, I don't see any reason there

can't be a 'Cause Network,'" said Wagner, who started his own foundation for underprivileged children in 2000, the year after he and sports and media tycoon Mark Cuban sold their startup Wagner Broadcast.com for \$5.7 billion.

An announcement Friday by the Muscular Dystrophy Association to end its long-running Labor Day telethon underscored the challenges facing traditional fundraising methods. The group said it was shifting its efforts online because its airtime has been dramatically scaled back in recent years. The group said

it's in discussions with former host Jerry Lewis about ways to release some of the star-studded



telethon's archival footage online.

Wagner, 54, said he tried to engage charities years ago to become more tech-savvy, but found that while groups listened politely to his ideas, they were more concerned with getting his donation.

"I felt that I had more to give than just writing a check," he said. "More than anything, (Chideo) is me saying, 'I'm just going to build this thing. I'm going to build what I believe will help these organizations and they just need to plug into it.'"

Online donations remain a fraction of the money raised by charitable causes. Wagner said online giving accounts for only

eight percent of total charitable contributions, and some estimates peg the number even lower.

"Every month, there's a new amazing (technology) thing. Well, how can a (charity) possibly keep up in that world?" Wagner said during a recent interview in Chideo's Los Angeles office.

In many ways, Wagner is building on past business successes. He's co-owner, along with Cuban, in a variety of companies, including 2929 Entertainment, Magnolia Pictures, AXS TV and Landmark Theatres. That provides access to sports and entertainment stars and other dignitaries.

Chideo is making an impression beyond its smartphone app and website. On Monday, hours after TLC's Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins performed a private fundraising concert at the Grammy Museum, celebrity blogger Perez Hilton posted videos provided by Chideo from the show.

Arquette plugged Chideo during a red carpet interview with Ryan Seacrest before winning her supporting actress Oscar for "Boyhood" in February.

"We haven't even started. We're still in preseason as to where I think this can go," Wagner says.

Most of Chideo's video content is free, but the site encourages donations to enter contests such as last month's "Serena" premiere event where two fans met Cooper and Lawrence on the red carpet. Eighty percent of the revenue goes to the charity, while the site keeps the remainder for its operations. Donations above the asking price go completely to the charity.

Brooklyn, New York, resident Michelle Aguda's entry in Chideo's "Serena" contest earned her and a friend a spot on the film's red carpet, standing between stars Cooper and Lawrence. The film was released by Wagner's Magnolia Pictures.

## 'Avengers' sequel is second biggest US opener of all time



**AP**  
This photo provided by Disney/Marvel shows, Scarlett Johansson as Black Widow/Natasha Romanoff, in the film, "Avengers: Age Of Ultron." The movie releases in the U.S. on May 1, 2015.

Hollis said this is "confirmation" that these films are "bringing a completely different kind of filmmaking to cinema. They're creating events and characters and building worlds in a way that is drawing the attention of huge crowds."

Rentrak's Senior Media Analyst Paul Dergarabedian agreed that the failure to top the first film is "in no way" a disappointment.

"You have to put this into perspective. Considering the level of competition this weekend in the sporting world, it shows that movie going holds its own against all other options," he said.

Also, while the first film's \$207.4 million haul might just seem like a new benchmark to hit, Dergarabedian was quick to point out that opening above \$200 million was "literally like breaking the box office sound barrier."

Marvel and Disney.

Still, for Disney's head of distribution Dave Hollis, the weekend was a "spectacular result" for the film, which cost a reported \$250 million to produce.

Playing on 4,276 screens, the audiences for "Ultron's" debut were 59 percent male and 41 percent under the age of 25.

"We're in rare air here," said Hollis. "Having the second biggest opening weekend in the history of the movie business is always going to be something you walk away overwhelmingly happy with. The momentum of the brand for Marvel at this point is really something to take a step back and admire."

Although "Ultron" was the only new film in wide release this weekend, it had some significant small screen competition: The Kentucky Derby, the NBA playoffs, and the Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao fight.

Numbers could shift by the time Monday actuals roll in, but it seems the robust counter-programming may have blockaded another record for

Instead of a new industry standard, a \$200 million opening might continue to be an industry rarity.

"Ultron's" future success is not in doubt either.

"These other options were single events. 'Avengers' has a very long playing time. This is a journey to \$1 billion and beyond," he said.

With \$168 million in international sales this weekend, "Avengers: Age of Ultron" has grossed \$627 million globally in just 12 days. The film has yet to open in China and Japan.

The rest of the top five was populated with holdovers, "The Age of Adaline," "Furious 7," "Paul Blart: Mall Cop," and the animated "Home."

1. **"Avengers: Age of Ultron,"** \$187.7 million (\$168 million international).
2. **"The Age of Adaline,"** \$6.3 million.
3. **"Furious 7,"** \$6.1 million (\$52.8 million international).
4. **"Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2,"** \$5.6 million (\$4.3 million international).
5. **"Home,"** \$3.3 million (\$17 million international).
6. **"Cinderella,"** \$2.4 million (\$7 million international).
7. **"Ex Machina,"** \$2.2 million.
8. **"Unfriended,"** \$2 million (\$3.6 million international).
9. **"The Longest Ride,"** \$1.7 million (\$3.5 million international).
10. **"Woman in Gold,"** \$1.7 million.

## 'Stand By Me' singer Ben E. King dead at age 76

### NEW YORK

(AP)—Ben E. King, the unforgettable lead singer for the Drifters and solo star whose plaintive baritone graced such pop and rhythm 'n blues classics as "Stand by Me," "There Goes My Baby" and "Spanish Harlem," has died.



He was 76. King died Thursday of natural causes, his publicist Phil Brown told The Associated Press on Friday. His attorney, Judy Tint, said he died at The Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack, New Jersey, near his longtime residence in Teaneck.

"As amazing an artist as he was, multiply that by a million and that's how nice a guy he was," she said.

A native of North Carolina who moved to New York City as a boy, King was singing with the Five Crowns when they were hired in 1958 to become the new incarnation of the Drifters, a top act for Atlantic Records who had several doo-wop hits featuring tenor Clyde McPhatter. The new Drifters, their records among the first in the rock era to use strings, had a more polished production and vocal style and became key influences on recordings by Phil Spector and others in the 1960s.

King co-wrote and sang lead on "There Goes My Baby," and he and the Drifters followed with such favorites as "Save the Last Dance for Me" and "This Magic Moment," romantic and emotional ballads mostly written by the team of Doc Pomus and Mort Shuman.

Known for his warm smile and trim mustache, King didn't stay long. He left the Drifters in the early '60s because of a dispute over salary and royalties, but quickly found success on his own. He broke through with "Spanish Harlem," co-written by Spector and Jerry Leiber, and sealed his name in music history with "Stand by Me." A reworked gospel number co-written by King, Leiber and Mike Stoller, "Stand by Me" was a soaring declaration of dependence and devotion, chosen as one of the Songs of the Century by the Recording Industry Association of America and added earlier this year to the Library of Congress' National Recording Registry.

John Lennon covered it in the 1970s and "Stand by Me" found new listeners in the '80s when it was featured in the Rob Reiner movie of the same name. The song returned to the charts and King appeared in a promotional music video along with cast members River Phoenix and Wil Wheaton.

# Alice, Charlotte, Diana? Guessing game for royal baby's name

**LONDON** (AP)—Princess Charlotte has a certain ring to it. Or how about Princess Alice?

Britain's newborn princess, the second child of Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge, has spent her first night at home in London's Kensington Palace, but the guessing game continues Sunday over what her name will be.

When the baby's older brother, Prince George, was born in 2013, the royal couple took two days to reveal his name, waiting until after Queen Elizabeth II had met her new great-grandson.

Meanwhile, Britain's legal bookmakers have been busy taking in thousands of bets for the baby's name. For weeks, they have been saying that Alice is the clear favorite. But in recent days Charlotte, the feminine form of Charles, has become the front runner.

Other top possibilities included Olivia, Victoria, Elizabeth, Alexandra and Diana, the name of William's late mother.

The newborn may herald a new generation in the monarchy, but it is customary for royals to look to their past for name ideas. The repetition of names in each generation is at least partly an effort to preserve the continuity of one of the world's oldest institutions.

A princess called Char-



Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, looks at her newborn daughter as she stands alongside Britain's Prince William outside St. Mary's Hospital's exclusive Lindo Wing, London, Saturday, May 2, 2015. The Duchess gave birth to the Princess on Saturday morning.

lotte—a name that is French in origin—would be a nod to her grandfather, Prince Charles. In royal history, George IV named

his only child Charlotte, but she died in childbirth at 21. George III's wife was Queen Charlotte, who was born 1744.

As for Alice: Queen Victoria named her second daughter Princess Alice, who was the great-grandmother of the queen's husband, Philip. Her granddaughter, also called Alice, was Philip's mother.

Many think it is likely that William and Kate would use the name Diana - though probably as one of the baby's middle names to avoid comparisons with her late grandmother. Like most royals, the baby's brother, Prince George, has more than one middle name (George Alexander Louis), and the same treatment is expected for her.

William and Kate introduced the baby princess Saturday evening to the world, just 12 hours after Kate checked into London's St. Mary's Hospital to give birth. The baby weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces (3.7 kilograms).

The couple issued a statement of thanks Sunday in response to the outpouring of goodwill and international interest in their baby.

"The Duke and Duchess are hugely grateful for the messages of congratulations they have received from people all over the world," their press office said in

a statement. "It means a great deal to them that so many people have celebrated the arrival of their new daughter."

The princess is fourth in line to the British throne, after her grandfather Charles, her father William and her older brother George. She will be known formally as Her Royal Highness, Princess (name) of Cambridge.

William's father and stepmother, Charles and Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, went to Kensington Palace on Sunday to visit the baby for the first time, joining Kate's parents Michael and Carole Middleton and her sister Pippa.

Prince Harry, who is in Australia, said about his new niece: "She is absolutely beautiful. I can't wait to meet her."

The royal couple is expected to spend several days at their London home before traveling to their country home on the queen's sprawling Sandringham estate, 120 miles (190 kilometers) north of London. The family is likely to stay out of the public eye in the coming days.

The princess's birth has mesmerized much of Britain, eclipsing the country's hard-fought election campaign on the front pages of British newspapers. A number of London landmarks including Tower Bridge were lit in pink overnight to commemorate her birth.

**Blues legend B.B. King in hospice at his home in Las Vegas**

**LAS VEGAS** (AP)—Blues legend B.B. King remains in hospice care Saturday at his home in Las Vegas.

King's longtime business manager Laverne Toney says the musician had a good night and she welcomed the concern about his health. Toney has legal control over King's affairs.

The 89-year-old musician posted thanks on his official website for fans' well-wishes and prayers on Friday after returning home from a brief hospitalization.

The hospitalization was the second in a month for King, who was diagnosed with diabetes decades ago.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer is considered one of the greatest guitarists of all time.

His guitar, famously named Lucille, has soared and wailed in songs ranging from "Every Day I Have the Blues" to "When Love Comes to Town" to "The Thrill is Gone."

## Bruce Jenner sued for wrongful death over highway crash

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The step-children of a woman killed in an automobile crash involving Bruce Jenner sued the Olympic gold medalist Friday for wrongful death, claiming they have suffered enormous damages.

The lawsuit provides no new details about the February crash,



Jenner

which authorities said occurred when Jenner's sport utility vehicle collided with the woman's car, pushing it into oncoming traffic. Kim Howe, 69, died at the scene.

The lawsuit by Dana Redmond and William Howe does not specify how much they are seeking. They claim Jenner

was negligent when he collided with their stepmother's car, causing them and other relatives "great losses."

Jenner's publicist Alan Nirob declined to comment.

Jenner, 65, has not been charged in the case. An investigation is ongoing.

A week ago, millions of people watched Jenner tell Diane Sawyer in a TV interview that he identifies as a woman and has felt gender confusion

since he was a boy. He said he had not yet decided whether to undergo sexual reassignment surgery, but for the time being wanted to be referred to using male pronouns.

Jenner won the gold medal in the 1976 Olympic decathlon and is known to a younger generation for his role in the reality TV series "Keeping Up With the Kardashians."

Howe's estate is not a party in the lawsuit.

## Roman Polanski gets film award in Poland

**WARSAW, Poland** (AP)—Filmmaker Roman Polanski has received a film award and pressed his palms into plaster for the hall of independent cinema stars in Krakow—the same Polish city where a court is weighing a U.S. request for his extradition.

Polanski attended the opening late Friday of the 8th edition of the PKO Off Camera film festival and was awarded the "Against the

Current" award for independence in art. Polanski, who spent his childhood in Krakow, jokingly said he was happy to be awarded there "at long last."

In February, the Oscar-winning director appeared in a Krakow court for a hearing related to a U.S. request for his extradition concerning charges of sex with a minor, a case that has haunted him since 1977.

## Parents with strong beliefs won't visit cohabitating couple

**DEAR ABBY:** Our amazing daughters are in their late 20s. Both of them are independent, intelligent and loving. The four of us have a special bond. My wife and I have always been supportive in all aspects of our daughters' lives, and that will never change.

They have been dating great guys over the past five years whom we believe they will ultimately marry. The problem? My wife and I were raised with certain values, and our daughters have recently moved in with their boyfriends. We do not approve, but respect their decisions as adults.

One daughter plans to have an open-house party celebrating their new place. She's upset that my wife and I have indicated we won't be attending, because doing so would be difficult and against our beliefs. We have understood her decision, but she does not appear to respect ours. Are we wrong to take this stance?

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**DEAR AGAINST:** I think so. Your daughter is an adult. Do you plan to continue "punishing" her and the man you say you approve of until they tie the knot? She and her boyfriend have been a couple for five years now, and their relationship appears to be progressing nicely. It's not unusual for couples today to live together. I see nothing to be gained by skipping their open house—but I do see something to lose.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband's grandmother keeps purchasing season tickets to the theater for me. I have told my mother-in-law

(who is in charge of buying the tickets) as politely as possible that summer is a very busy time for me. My kids, husband and I are all involved in activities, and the theater conflicts with these activities.

As well, I don't particularly enjoy the group of people that we go there with. (I haven't shared this with my mother-in-law.) While I like my mother-in-law and husband's grandmother, the others are rude. They exclude me from conversations and hardly acknowledge my existence. I try to make conversation but unsuccessfully. It makes for a dreadfully awkward evening.

How do I get out of going to the theater without hurting anyone's feelings?

NO THANKS IN CANADA

**DEAR NO THANKS:** The most effective way to accomplish that would be to stop beating around the bush and tell your husband's mother and grandmother you would prefer not to be included, and the reason why.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I like a girl but don't know if she likes me. I went to a school dance with her, but that's about it. I'm a choosy person, but everything seems right about her.

I never had a girlfriend before. Am I doing something wrong? I really want to be in a relationship with her, but I don't want to get rejected. I hate that feeling. Can you give me advice on what to do?

IN LIKE IN WISCONSIN

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**DEAR IN LIKE:** There is a saying, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." It means that in order to succeed, you have to TRY. In dating relationships, there is always some risk of rejection, and it applies to girls as well as boys. If you want a relationship with her, stop being afraid and start acting like it. Because she went to a dance with you, she probably already likes you, too.

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# Warriors roll past Grizzlies in Game 1 of West semis



**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr joked before Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals that reporters should have two stories ready: One if his team looked well-rested and won, another if it looked rusty and lost.

"It was right in the middle, so you've got to write a third story," he teased afterward.

Neither the Warriors nor Grizzlies really felt good about the way they played. The difference is the Warriors did what they usually do at home: take care of business—and comfortably, too.

Stephen Curry had 22 points and seven assists, and the Warriors wore down undermanned Memphis in a 101-86 victory in Sunday's series opener.

"I think now we've got the cobwebs out of our offensive game. We should be able to build some momentum," Curry said.

Curry has won the NBA's Most Valuable Player award, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the league has not released the voting results.

An official announcement is expected Monday, and Curry will be presented with the award on the court before Game 2 on Tuesday night.

Klay Thompson added 18 points and Draymond Green scored 16 to help the top-seeded Warriors roll to their 21st straight win at raucous Oracle Arena. They led by nine at the half, 20 late in the third quarter and never let the Grizzlies come close in the fourth despite Green and center Andrew Bogut getting in foul trouble.

Marc Gasol had 21 points and nine rebounds, and Zach Randolph finished with 20 points and nine rebounds for a Memphis team missing point guard Mike Conley. He sat on the bench in a suit, his left eye still swollen, as he continues to recover from surgery to repair broken bones in his face.

Conley said he has "no idea" whether he'll play in Game 2.

"Taking it day to day," he said.

The Grizzlies could use all the help they can get right now. Curry got off to a slow start before joining the sweet-shooting performance Golden State put on in front of its home crowd.

The Warriors shot 50.6 percent, including 46.4 percent from 3-point range (13 of 28), to keep fans that formed a sea of golden yellow shirts roaring all afternoon. Memphis shot 45.2 percent but was just 3 of 12 (25 percent) from beyond the arc. Both teams had 16 turnovers.

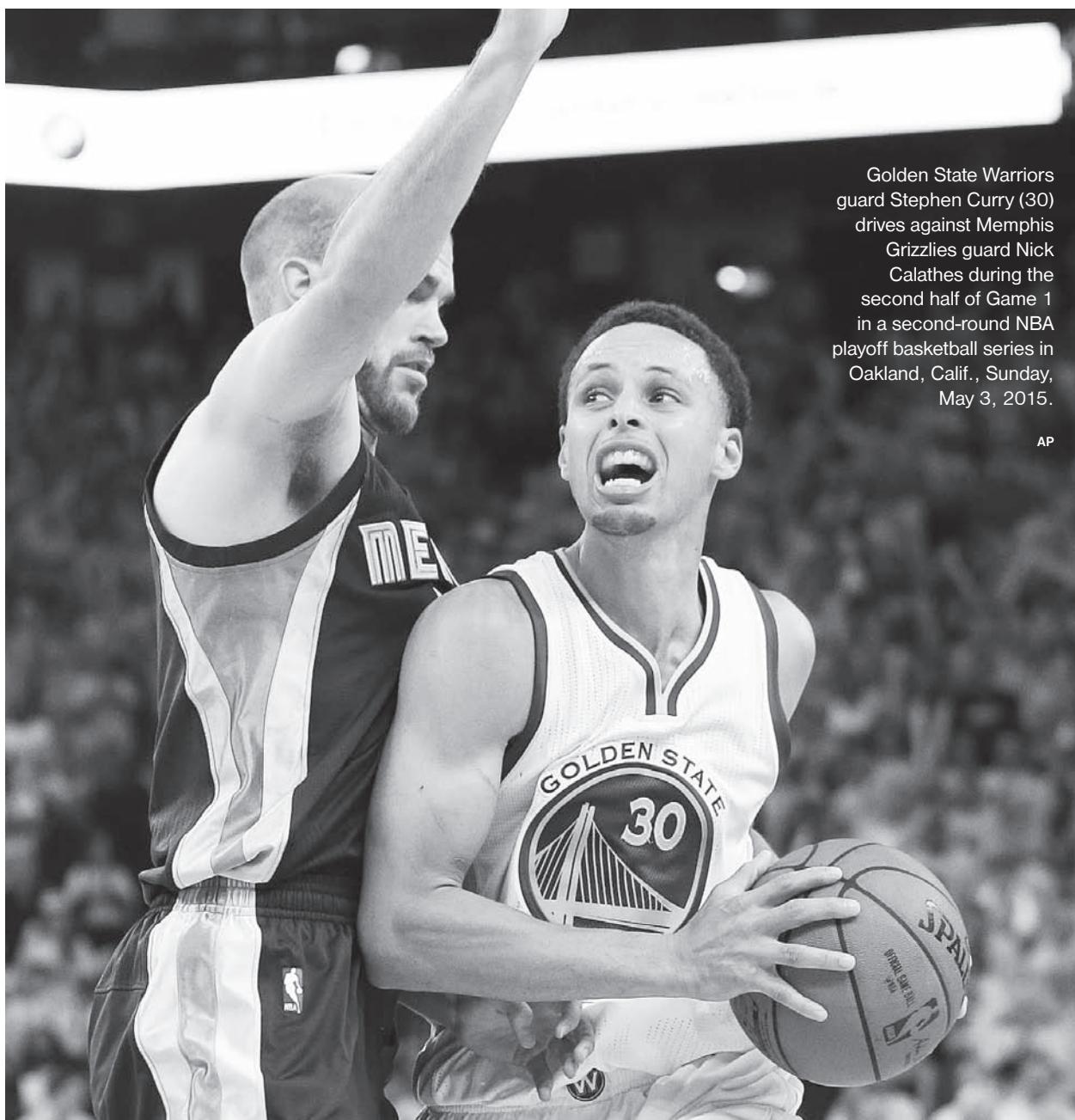
"I didn't think the game was physical at all," Gasol said. "We didn't bring it to that point yet. I hope, the next game, we have to bring it to our advantage."

The Warriors, coming off a first-round sweep of New Orleans that earned them an eight-day layoff, picked up right where they left off.

Curry pushed the pace from start to finish, and the Grizzlies never could slow Golden State down. The Warriors went ahead by 16 in the second quarter, and Curry kept the pressure after Memphis moved within seven.

At one point in the third quarter, he crossed over Randolph, stepped back for a 3 and ran down court with his arms extended after the ball swished through to give Golden State an 80-60 lead.

The Grizzlies missed a chance to score back when Bogut and Green got



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) drives against Memphis Grizzlies guard Nick Calathes during the second half of Game 1 in a second-round NBA playoff basketball series in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, May 3, 2015.

AP

## Source: Warriors star Stephen Curry to be named NBA MVP

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—Some called him too small. Others too fragile.

Stephen Curry has another label now: NBA MVP.

The Golden State point guard has won the league's most coveted individual award, a person familiar with the decision said Sunday.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the league has not released the voting results. An official announcement and news conference are expected Monday, and Curry will be presented with the award on the court before Game 2 of the Warriors' Western Conference semifinal series against Memphis on Tuesday night.

Curry had 22 points and seven assists in Golden State's 101-86 victory over the Grizzlies on Sunday. Asked about the MVP award following the game, Curry said he had no idea.

"It's obviously just, in the middle of a playoff series, it's hard to kind of separate yourself with other things that may or may not happen," he said.

"Obviously, I know what the situation is, and just trying to focus on the game, and if I get a call (Monday), I'll definitely be happy, and there

in foul trouble late, sending the defensive duo to the bench. Memphis never could put together a big push against Curry and company, with Gasol and Randolph coming out in the last few minutes to rest up for Game 2.

Grizzlies coach Dave Joerger said he has to do a better job of keeping at least one of his two big men on the floor at

will be a lot of people that can be proud of that moment, as well, and we'll enjoy it."

Comcast SportsNet Bay Area, the official television partner of the Warriors, first reported Curry won. He beat out Houston's James Harden, Cleveland's LeBron James and Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook, among others, for MVP honors.

Curry carried the top-seeded Warriors to a franchise-record 67 wins, surpassed his own record for most 3-pointers in a season and added to his growing reputation as one of the most entertaining spectacles in sports. He's the franchise's first MVP since Wilt Chamberlain in 1960, when the Warriors played in Philadelphia.

Curry, nicknamed the "Baby-Faced Assassin" and a member of the "Splash Brothers" duo with teammate Klay Thompson, has overcome obstacles at every level.

He grew up in the shadow of his famous father, former NBA player Dell Curry. Most major colleges didn't offer him a scholarship coming out of high school in Charlotte, North Carolina, believing he was too small. And some professional

all times, but thought missed layups and poor offensive execution hurt them more than anything.

"You just can't keep giving those guys shots at you," Joerger said, "and I thought that's what happened."

### Wizards 104, Hawks 98

In Atlanta, after resting up for the past

scouts wondered whether his game could transition to the NBA, where point guards are bigger and defenses are tougher.

Instead, Curry has gone from a shooting guard who dazzled at Davidson during the NCAA Tournament to a polished professional point guard who can shoot, dribble and distribute with the best of them. In a game dominated by big men and played by some of the world's greatest athletes, the 6-foot-3, 190-pound Curry controls the flow without physically overpowering defenders.

But there were times when it seemed Curry's potential might not be reached. Two surgeries on his right ankle in his first three seasons with Golden State fueled questions about his durability. He even had to prove his worth to the team that drafted him seventh overall in 2009.

Curry signed a \$44 million, four-year contract extension with the Warriors before the 2012-13 season. Back then, the deal looked like a major risk for the Warriors considering Curry's injury history.

Now? Well, Curry is clearly one of basketball's best bargains.

week, the Washington Wizards merely had to withstand Atlanta's early pace.

Once the Hawks ran out of gas, Bradley Beal and the Wizards took control.

Just call them the road warriors.

Beal shook off a sprained ankle to score 28 points and streaking Washington remained unbeaten in the postseason, knocking off top-seeded Atlanta

104-98 Sunday in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

It was another gritty performance by the Wizards, who improved to 8-1 on the road in the playoffs over the past two postseas, including 3-0 this year. They became the first team in NBA history to win four straight Game 1s on the road.

"Just notwithstanding adversity," said John Wall, who had 18 points and 13 assists. "We know they're going to come out and give us a punch right away."

Taking advantage of a week off since their sweep of Toronto, the Wizards wore down the Hawks in the fourth quarter. Otto Porter scored a couple of big baskets coming down the stretch, including a 3-pointer, and Marcin Gortat sealed it with a lay-in off a pass from Wall with 14.6 seconds remaining.

"We kept talking about it's a long game," Washington coach Randy Wittman said. "We got better and better and better."

The Hawks needed six games to beat eighth-seeded Brooklyn and had to open this best-of-seven series with about a 36-hour turnaround. After racing to a 37-26 lead after the first quarter, Atlanta couldn't make anything in the fourth.

Even with plenty of good looks, the Hawks hit only 5 of 28 (17.9 percent) in the final period, including 1 of 10 from beyond the 3-point arc.

Game 2 is Tuesday night in Atlanta.

"Our pace was better in the first half," Al Horford said. "Maybe in the second half, we were just tired or whatever."

The frustration for the home team was epitomized by one crucial possession with just over 2 minutes to go. The Hawks kept giving themselves extra chances, hustling for five offensive rebounds. But they missed six straight shots before the Wizards finally grabbed possession, the crowd groaning louder and louder with each ball that clanked off the rim.

"I had a couple of tips that just came out. I couldn't believe it," Horford said. "I think that was the key point of the game."

DeMarre Carroll had another big game for Atlanta with 24 points, but 21 came in the opening half and he went scoreless over the final quarter. He had plenty of company. Horford made only 7 of 19 shots, Kyle Korver was 5 of 15, and Jeff Teague went 4 of 14.

The Hawks picked right up where they left off in their best performance of the postseason, a 111-87 victory Friday night at Brooklyn. Atlanta ran the Wizards ragged, hit 64 percent from the field, and led by 11 at the end of their highest-scoring first quarter of the postseason.

But the Wizards were clearly the fresher team in the second half. The Hawks finished just 38 percent (37 of 98) from the field, including 25 percent over the final two quarters.

Beal hobbled off the court with a sprained right ankle after landing on Horford's foot with 8:08 remaining. He went to the locker room to get it taped and returned to finish out a superb performance at both ends.

In addition to tying his career scoring high in the playoffs, Beal grabbed seven rebounds and did a good job shadowing Korver at the 3-point stripe. Atlanta's long-range specialist made only 3 of 11 from beyond the arc.

Paul Pierce had 19 points for the Wizards, and Drew Gooden provided some key minutes off the bench, finishing with 12.

# McIlroy top of the world at Match Play Championship



**SAN FRANCISCO**  
(AP)—Rory McIlroy had to work harder than ever to

win the Match Play Championship.

No one ever had to play seven matches in five days, and McIlroy won them all in the new round-robin format. He had to beat three players on the same day, a first in the 17 years of this tournament. And three times, he stood on the 17th tee trailing.

McIlroy didn't need a comeback in the final Sunday afternoon. He won four straight holes on the front nine against an errant Gary Woodland, survived a brief scare and wound up with a 4-and-2 victory for his second World Golf Championship.

"I knew it wasn't going to be easy," McIlroy said.

Three weeks after Jordan Spieth won the Masters and emerged as the most likely rival, McIlroy reminded the world of his No. 1 ranking.

He became the first No. 1 seed since Tiger Woods in 2008 to win the most unpredictable event in golf and collect his 10th PGA Tour title. He joined Woods (29) and Jack Nicklaus (17) as the only players with at least 10 PGA Tour victories at age 25 or younger.

McIlroy turns 26 on Monday.

"Every time I have a win, I keep hearing those guys' names come up," McIlroy said. "It's great to be mentioned with the likes of Tiger and Jack, the two greatest players that I think have every played this game. I'm on my journey. I'll see where I get to."

It was quite a journey at TPC Harding Park, especially on Sunday.

McIlroy had to start at 6:45 a.m. to complete his quarterfinal match against Paul Casey. Without hitting a putt on



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, poses with his trophy on the 16th green of TPC Harding Park after winning the Match Play Championship golf tournament Sunday, May 3, 2015, in San Francisco.

the practice green (only on the chipping green, which didn't have the same speed), he put perfect pace on a 60-foot eagle putt from the fringe for a short birdie that Casey couldn't match in losing in 22 holes.

In the semifinals against hard-nosed Jim Furyk, McIlroy was 1 down when he closed birdie-birdie-eagle for a 1-up victory. He squared the match with a 7-iron to 4 feet and closed out Furyk with a 45-foot eagle putt across the 18th green.

No such theatrics were needed against Woodland.

After a scrappy start by both—two

holes were halved with bogeys—Woodland began missing fairways and McIlroy took advantage. He won four straight holes, three of them with birdies, to build a 4-up lead. That was the margin until McIlroy began making a few mistakes of his own.

He made bogey on No. 11 with a poor bunker shot. He failed to make birdie on the reachable par-4 12th with a wild tee shot. And his indifferent chip left of the 13th green led to another bogey. Woodland had a 4-foot par putt to reach 1 down with plenty of golf course left.

Woodland ran it over the right edge,

and momentum shifted squarely back to McIlroy.

"My putt drops on 13 and it's a different ball game," Woodland said. "But I missed that one. And he was like a shark. Smelled blood, and it was game over quickly."

McIlroy won the 14th with a par when Woodland three-putted, leaving his long birdie attempt woefully short. And he closed out the match when Woodland blasted out of a bunker and over the 16th green, missing the next shot and removing his cap to concede the match.

"You've got to get lucky in match play," Woodland said. "If you have your

bad round, you've got to hope the guy you're playing with has a bad round, as well. I was fortunate to get away with a bad round on Wednesday against Jimmy (Walker). But when you're playing the No. 1 player in the world, you can't have a bad round. You've got to go out and play pretty good golf. And I just didn't do it today."

McIlroy had his share of fortune.

He was 2 down with two holes to play and on the verge of elimination when McIlroy rallied against Billy Horschel to win in 20 holes. Casey was 1 up with two holes to play when he hit a poor chip that led to bogey on the 17th and McIlroy won in 22 holes.

His strongest play was in the semifinals against Furyk, who put enormous pressure on McIlroy over the closing holes by hitting four straight approach shots close.

"I give him credit," Furyk said. "On 16, great up-and-down, and then birdie at 17 and eagle on 18. I tip my hat to him."

Woodland faced an early deficit to Danny Willett of England in the semifinals until he turned it around for a 3-and-2 victory. Going into the championship match, Woodland had trailed on only 11 of the 101 holes he had played all week.

Against McIlroy, he never led.

In the consolation match, Willett beat Furyk on the 16th hole and picked up \$646,000, which will go a long way toward PGA Tour membership if he wants it.

The Match Play Championship featured a new format this year to keep more top players in the field for at least three days. McIlroy was 3-0 in the round-robin format, and wound up winning all seven matches to pick up the \$1.57 million prize.

Woodland earned \$930,000 for finishing second.

## Astros win 10th in row, Gattis homers twice to beat Mariners



**HOUSTON** (AP)—Evan Gattis homered twice and Houston beat the Seattle Mariners 7-6 Sunday for its 10th straight victory, the Astros' longest winning streak since 12 in a row in 2004.

Leading the American League at 18-7, Houston set a team record for its best record through 25 games. The Astros are coming off a 70-92 season, which followed three straight years of at least 106 losses.

Gattis' go-ahead solo homer in the eighth off Carson Smith (0-1) was his fifth homer in six games.

Pat Neshek (2-0) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Luke Gregerson got three outs for his sixth save.

### **Yankees 8, Red Sox 5**

In Boston, Jacoby Ellsbury had four hits, and Adam Warren took a one-hit shutout into the sixth inning to lead New York.

The Yankees swept the Red Sox in a series of three games or more for the first time since a five-game sweep in 2006.

### **Orioles 4, Rays 2**

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Adam Jones got four hits, including a tiebreaking single in the seventh as Baltimore took two of three in a series shifted to Tropicana Field from Camden Yards.

The games were moved earlier in the week when rioting broke out in Baltimore following the funeral of Freddie Gray, who died in police custody after a spinal cord injury.

### **Giants 5, Angels 0**

In San Francisco, Tim Lincecum pitched three-hit ball over eight innings, and San Francisco completed a three-game sweep.

Lincecum (2-2) walked one and struck out four in eight scoreless innings, lowering his ERA to 2.40. Jean Machi struck out Mike Trout and Albert Pujols in a hitless ninth for San Francisco, which has won eight of 11 following a 4-10 start.

### **Cardinals 3, Pirates 2**

In St. Louis, Kolten Wong homered off Radhames Liz (1-2) in the 14th inning, giving the Cardinals extra-inning wins in three straight games for the first time since July 2006, when they twice beat Houston before the MLB All-Star break and then won at Dodger Stadium when play resumed.

St. Louis became the first team to sweep a three-game series with three walkoff wins since Cincinnati against the Boston Braves from June 4-7, 1925.

### **Nationals 1, Mets 0**

In New York, Doug Fister (2-1)

combined with four relievers on a five-hitter and Ryan Zimmerman blooped an RBI single in the first off Dillon Gee (0-2).

Washington has won five of six following a six-game losing streak.

It was the first time in club history, dating to the team's Montreal debut in 1969, the Nationals won consecutive 1-0 games.

### **Phillies 6, Marlins 2**

In Miami, Ryan Howard had a pair of RBI hits and rookie Severino Gonzalez (1-1) earned his first MLB victory, allowing two runs in five innings as Philadelphia broke a five-game losing streak.

The Marlins, who had won four in a row, missed a chance to climb above .500 for the first time this year.

### **Braves 5, Reds 0**

In Atlanta, Julio Teheran (3-1) gave up just three singles in six sharp innings as Atlanta gained a four-game split.

Cody Martin, Michael Kohn and Luis Avilan combined for three innings of one-hit relief.

Kelly Johnson and Jonny Gomes homered off Johnny Cueto (2-3).

### **Tigers 6, Royals 4**

In Kansas City, Missouri, Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run homer, Anibal Sanchez (2-3) carried a perfect game into

the sixth inning and Detroit a split of the four-game series.

Alex Avila also drove in three runs for the Tigers, who dropped the first two games of the series before squeaking out a 2-1 victory behind David Price on Saturday.

### **Indians 10, Blue Jays 7**

In Cleveland, pinch-hitter Ryan Raburn's tiebreaking, two-run double capped a six-run fifth, and Jason Kipnis had four hits.

Kipnis also homered and drove in two runs for the Indians, who trailed 6-1 after a six-run fourth that included Devon Travis' first career grand slam.

### **Brewers 5, Cubs 3**

In Chicago, Aramis Ramirez homered for Milwaukee and broke an eighth-inning tie with a two-run single off Pedro Strop (0-1).

Hours after the game, the Brewers fired manager Ron Roenicke. Milwaukee, a league-worst 7-18 following a 2-13 start, took two of three against the Cubs for its first series win of the year.

### **Twins 13, White Sox 3**

In Minneapolis, Trevor Plouffe hit his first grand slam in the majors and drove in career-high five runs.

Brian Dozier added a career-high four hits as the Twins won for the

seventh time in nine games.

### **Athletics 7, Rangers 1**

In Arlington, Texas, Stephen Vogt hit a solo homer and a three-run drive, and Sonny Gray (4-0) extended his shutout streak against Texas to 23 2-3 innings with 6 2-3 innings of two-hit ball despite a career-high seven walks. Gray also hit a batter and threw a wild pitch.

Yovani Gallardo (2-4) allowed four runs—three earned—seven hits and four walks in 6 2-3 innings in a rematch of opening day starters.

### **Padres 8, Rockies 6**

In San Diego, light-hitting Jedd Gyorko drove a two-run homer an estimated 438 feet and Justin Upton and Derek Norris also hit two-run shots as San Diego completed a three-game sweep.

Colorado's Nolan Arenado and Charlie Blackmon each homered twice.

### **Dodgers 1, Diamondbacks 0**

In Los Angeles, Yasmani Grandal threw out a runner at the plate after an errant pitch in the top of the 13th inning, then homered off Evan Marshall (0-2) leading off the bottom half.

Arizona had runners at the corners with two outs in the 13th when J.P. Howell (1-1) bounced a pitch to Cliff Pennington that Grandal had to chase to the right of home plate.

# Joeten, PSS win in biz caging playoff opener

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Joeten Enterprises and the Public School System kicked off their respective title bids on a winning note at the start of the playoff round of the Inter-Commercial Business Basketball League 2015 last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Joeten survived IT&E's gallant stand to score an 84-77 decision, while PSS pulled away early to cruise to an 86-61 win over Saipan Ice in Day 1 of the double-elimination round playoffs.

Dixon Kwon made 8 points in Joeten's closing 13-8 blitz that helped turn a 68-64 lead midway in the fourth quarter to an 81-70 spread with 2:19 left in the game clock.

IT&E, behind Jason Palacios' hot shooting, managed to come back in the game after falling behind by double digits most of the first half. They



Joeten's Ferdie Tobias, left, and IT&E's Ian Benavente, center, fight for the rebound during the fourth quarter of their playoff game in the BAN-MI business caging last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

were only down by 1, 58-57, entering the third.

IT&E fell short in their comeback bid and had crucial misses down the stretch that could have helped them win.

Kwon scattered 24 points to lead Joeten's scoring with playing-coach Alex Lauron contributing 18 points, while Rocol Ritual had 14 and Y.J.

Nakayama added 12 more. Erol Peredo paced IT&E with 26 markers, while Palacios made 22 and Nate Mateo 18.

In the first game, Marlon Cabrera and Maverick Itibus combined for 43 points as PSS had an easier time dispatching Saipan Ice. Cabrera had 23 points with Itibus providing scoring support with 20, while

Preston Basa, PSS' scoring leader, finished with 14.

Only three players from Saipan Ice scored with Patrick Rotap finishing with 28 points. Treat Kaipat chipped in 22, while John Santy had 11 markers.

Pacific Islands Club Saipan and Fiesta Resort Saipan are the other teams that made it to the playoffs round.

## First Game

**PSS 86** – Cabrera 23, Itibus 20, Basa 14, Caro 9, Villacrusis 9, Winkfield 5, Coldeen 2, Diaz 2, Villagomez 2.

**Saipan Ice 61** – Rotap 28, Kaipat 22, Santy 11.

**Scoring by quarters:** 26-15, 51-34, 70-47, 86-61.

## Second Game

**Joeten 84** – Kwon 24 Lauron 18, Ritual 14, Nakayama 12, Sablan 6, Sambile 3, Tobias 3, Alfonso 2, Borja 2.

**IT&E 77** – Peredo 26, Palacios 22, Mateo 18, Sangalang 5, Aglipay 2, Benavente 2, Ren-guul 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-13, 40-27, 58-57, 84-77.

# Gamboa, Rabasto get MVP awards

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Jake's Catering's Ron Gamba and SSFM/New Garapan Market's Sean Rabasto were named Finals and regular season MVPs, respectively in the 2015 DLX Invitational Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Gamboa took the MVP honors in the winner-take-all finals for delivering the crucial plays in Jake's Catering's 76-73 overtime win against Island Manpower. Gamboa made a steal in the closing seconds of the extension period with Jake's Catering hanging on to a slim 74-73 lead and went all the way for a fastbreak layup that gave his team more cushion, down to the last 3.6 seconds of the exciting finale.

Gamboa's overtime heroics made up for his scoreless game in the fourth quarter where Jake's Catering squandered a 9-point lead, 67-58, heading into the last 1:49 of the regulation, allowing Is-

land Manpower to send the finals into extra five minutes.

The Jake's Catering wingman sat out in the last few minutes of the fourth after a bad collision with Derrick Rangamar and returned to the game in overtime well rested and right on time to save his team from losing the championship. He finished the finals with 16 points, consistently scoring in the first three periods.

Meanwhile, Rabasto gained the regular season MVP plum for helping SSFM/New Garapan Market sweep the round-robin elimination.

Rabasto went on to join the Mythical Team, which was completed by his teammate Mike Espinosa, Maplas' Edmark Mendoza, Island Manpower's Jerome Norita, and Jake's Catering's White Capalad.

In related news, the DLX caging will open another competition next month. Organizers said, majority of the teams that joined the recently concluded tournament are returning for the June caging, while three other squads have expressed interest in participating in next month's contest.

## TEAM

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federations, is set from May 8 to 10 in Barlow Park. An athletics clinic will also be held on Wednesday.

Rachel Abrams, Beo Ngirchongor, and Zarinae Sapong along with Marianas High School students Donavin Ada, Jeron Castillo, and Evan Miller, and coach Ron Olopai took the 50-minute trip to Guam where they will have a one-day layover.

They will then take a connecting flight to Cairns, Australia at 7:55pm today.

Abrams, Ngirchongor, and Sapong are veterans of various athletics competition, the last in the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei.

Abrams will be competing in her second OAA after Tahiti as she also represented the CNMI in the World Junior Championships in Bydgoszcz, Poland and Barcelona, Spain, and in an IAAF indoor event in Sopot, Poland and Istanbul, Turkey.

It will be the seventh Oceania-organized tournament and third in OAA for Ngirchongor, who previously competed in Tahiti, Palau, and Cairns. Sapong went to Rarotonga last year when Cook Islands hosted the OAA Championship.

Castillo and Miller are first-timers in competing in an international event, while the 14-year-old Ada, who also plays baseball and football, will be making his debut in athletics but has represented the Commonwealth a number of times as a CNMI All-Star member in the Little League.

Abrams, who bagged three gold medals in last year's Micro Games, is entered in her pet events in the 100-meter dash and 200m run where she hopes to duplicate her record-breaking win.

Abrams won the 200m run gold last year in Pohnpei when she clocked 26.29 seconds to shatter the 26.41 record of former Team CNMI sprinter Yvonne Bennett in the Palau edition of the quadrennial event in 2010.

Ngirchongor is competing in the 200m and 400m runs, and 400m hurdles, while Sapong, who won silver in Pohnpei, will be joining Abrams in the 100m and 200m runs. He won the 400m run and 400m hurdles gold in the Micro Games.

Ada will try his luck in all throwing events—discus, javelin, and shotput—while Castillo will race in the 100m and 200m runs, and will also compete in long jump. Miller is entered in the field events of high jump and long jump.

# Ramsey, 8 others in NMI Junior ITF qualifier

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Nine CNMI players will have to survive a qualifying tournament before earning slots to the main draw of this month's 2015 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships.

Colin Ramsey led the list, as he is the highest ranked Commonwealth bet in the qualifying event at No. 1,624. He will be joined by No. 1,957 Tommy Choi and unranked Luther Lizama, Michael Ren, Robbie Schorr, Vincent Tudela, Steven Goodwin, Clayton Izuka, and Haruya Eda.

The nine CNMI players are among the 26 individuals vying

for the 10 remaining main draw slots in the boys singles division. Others hoping to make it to the 32-player main draw are Hong Kong's Zheng Zhang, Arthur Chau, Fabian Calloud, Denton Ho, Wesley Law, Tin Wong, Guam's Sidney Gadsen, Australia's Brandon Truong, Korea's Justin Cheun, Chinese-Taipei's Yi Jui Lo and Yu-Hsiang Su, Singapore's Enzo Chua, the U.S.' Kyler Jirasook, and Japan's Rintaro Oka, Ryusuke Tanaka, and Kazuki Shimizu.

The qualifying tournament will be held a few days before the May 19 kick-off date of the Junior ITF event that the Commonwealth will be hosting for the third straight year. Matches will be played at the Pacific Islands Club and Kanoa Resort tennis courts.

Meanwhile, China's Chu-kang Wang and Yi Zhou Liu are the two highest ranked players in the main draw at No. 225 and 422, respectively, and they will be competing against players from Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, U.S., Korea, and the Philippines. All the 22 players in the main draw have Junior ITF ranking points.

Hong Kong has Ching Lam, Alester Magalit, and Wai Leuk Lee in the main draw, while the Japanese are represented by Tomohiro Masabayashi, Rimpei Kawakami, Kento Yamada, Shinji Hazawa, and James Kent Trotter. The Philippines has two main draw entries in Marchen

The boys singles division will have an open race as last year's finalists Jack Barber of the U.S. and Japan's Taisei Miyamoto are missing the third edition of the Grade 5 event. Barber outlasted Miyamoto in a three-set finale last year, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

## MPU

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right sideline against a sprinting Kyle Chung.

MP United was awarded with a free kick with Del Rosario taking it from about 30 yards at the sideline and making a lob feed to Joyner, who positioned himself in front of several Tan Holdings defenders. Joyner went for the header and the ball also hit his shoulder before going down and into the goal to give MP United the upper hand.

MP United managed to protect the shaky lead, as it made strategic substitutions and melted the

clock, while Tan Holdings had only one opportunity to equalize and missed the shot with the ball going over the goal.

It was a heartbreaking loss for Tan Holdings, as it only needed a draw to seal the division championship. The club, which faced MP United sans key player Sean Perez, failed to duplicate its second round win over its rival despite lighting up the board first off Joel Fruit's goal.

Fruit lifted Tan Holdings to a 1-0 advantage as he nailed a header off a corner kick in the 16th minute. Tan Holdings hung on to the driver's seat for a while before Sunjoon Tenorio knocked

in the equalizer off a counter attack in the 35th minute.

The match remained even going into the homestretch where MP United became more aggressive with its title bid on the line.

Joyner anchored MP United's attacks as he made two straight attempts and faltered before being successful in his third try. The first came in with about 15 minutes left and Joyner unloading a loop shot from about 40 yards, but the ball hit the top post and went out. The second was under the 10-minute mark off Dakota Hall's corner kick and Joyner's header was way too high.

Joyner and company kept

going as coach Norman Del Rosario instructed them to be relentless on offense in the closing minutes.

"In the last 10 minutes, I had to tell the boys to give everything, to live everything in the pitch because we need to win to stay alive. I wanted them to go home without any regrets, not telling themselves 'we should have taken a shot or we should have blocked it,'" the MP United coach said.

"We just wanted to live one more day and then play our best against Paire this week because all teams now are capable of winning," he added.

Chief umpire Roy Celis, however, explained that it was a dropped ball strike meaning that catcher Camacho should have either tagged Yaguel or threw to first baseman Dai Podiewski to a line drive that went straight to second baseman Andres Camacho's glove.

Joyner and company kept

grounded out to third. The 14-year-old Kintaro then shut down the Fielders in the bottom of the eighth forcing lead off batter Tyrese Camacho to a line drive that went straight to second baseman Andres Camacho's glove.

Kintaro, who only needed four pitches to retire Don Ada, jumped and celebrated with his teammates after getting the

game-ending out.

Cabrera went 2-for-3 and scored twice for the Falcons while Evangelista and Dicker son both had an RBI each.

Kintaro held the Fielders to one hit in three shutout innings, fanning two and no walks. Cabrera pitched 4 2/3 in start

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surrendering two runs, including an Ada solo shot in the bottom of the fourth, on five hits with seven strikeouts and one walk.

Napu Pua, who got on base on a single in the bottom of the fifth, scored the Fielders' other run on a Jose Camacho RBI single.

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# 2015 NMIFA Youth Football Spring Festival

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A Kanoa player jumps in between two Matansa defenders to chase the ball.



A Paire Football Club player, right, battles three Matansa FC players in a foot race during their U8 division game in the 2015 NMIFA Youth Football Spring Festival last month at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.



Paire and Matansa players battle for possession.



Kanoa FC coach Davy Laxa huddles with his U8 players.



Tinian Premier FC players warm up before their U10 game.



A Matansa FC player goes for a kick, while a Kanoa defender anticipates the ball.



MP United and Kanoa U8 players chase the ball.



Two Tan Holdings FC players warm up, while waiting for their turn to participate in the festival.



Referee Elaine Enriquez checks the nails of Paire players before starting the match.



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# Falcons soar in Junior League



Falcons pitcher Jester Kintaro, center, celebrates after getting the final out in their finals game against the IT&E Fielders in the Junior division of the Saipan Little League last Sunday at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

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## Team CNMI upbeat for Cairns trip

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The seven-member CNMI athletics delegation left yesterday for the 2015 Oceania Area Championships in the hopes of achieving their goals of improving their personal best records in their respective events.

The fifth edition of the Oceania Athletics Association-organized tournament, where 450 athletes from 21 OAA

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Team CNMI, from left, Rachel Abrams, Beo Ngirchongor, Don Ada, Jeron Castillo, coach Ron Olopai, Zarinae Sapong, and Evan Miller before boarding for their flight to Guam.

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Noel Cabrera scored the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth, while Jester Kintaro tossed 3 1/4 innings in relief, three in shutout fashion, to lift the Falcons to a tough 3-2 win over the IT&E Fielders in the Saipan Little League's Junior division finals last Sunday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Kintaro, who was narrowly saved after Fielders catcher Jose Camacho failed to catch his foul ball, led off in the extra inning and took Don Ada's second pitch to deep left for a double. Joe Tudela came in to pinch run for Ada.

Cabrera, with the score tied at 2-2 and one out in the top of the eighth, had

a bunt single to advance Tudela to third to put runners at the corner. The pinch runner, however, was tagged out on a rundown after Kobe Lifoifoi chose to bunt.

Ace Evangelista had an infield single to load up the bases. Henry Aguon struck out and Arby Yaguel had a dropped ball strike allowing Cabrera to

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MP United's Jahn Joyner, left, and Scott Kim, center, rush to the ball and are slightly ahead of Tan Holdings FC's Louie Calayag, right, during the second half of their boys U18 division game in the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

## MPU keeps title hopes alive

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MP United Football Club remained in contention for the boys U18 division title of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Spring League following a tough 2-1 victory over rival Tan Holdings FC last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

MP United improved to a 6-1-1 record with one game left in the three-round robin competition. It will play its last game this Saturday against

Paire and another win will allow MP United to tie Tan Holdings FC (7-1-1) for the top spot. In case of a deadlock, a playoff game will be scheduled to decide the division champion.

Jahn Joyner scored the game-winning goal in MP United's important victory over Tan Holdings. However, credit half of the goal to defender Enrico Del Rosario, who sent the pass to Joyner inside the box near the corner of the goal. The Del Rosario-Joyner connection took place in the 75th minute after Ryan Relucio was charged with a C1 infraction at the

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